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POWER OUTAGE

Those in charge of San Francisco's power can't flip a switch: San Francisco's Public Utilities Commission Juliet Ellis gets busted for contracting corruption; now this story shows the agency's energy policy incompetence ["Who Has the Power," Joe Eskenazi, feature, 4/10]. The SFPUC is chock full of all kinds of turds! SFPUC RULES

BLOG COMMENTS OF THE WEEK

One large show is not necessarily better than two smaller shows: I know a lot of people who didn't go to the show because it was at Civic Center ["Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds Burn Through Quiet at Bill Graham Civic, 4/9/13,"

Ian S. Port, All Shook Down, 4/101, Two nights at Warfield doesn't equal one night at Civic Center. They forgot to factor in the Bad Seeders [fans] who show up every night, like a disease. Also, great write-up. There is no such thing as a bad Bad Seeds gig.

Compliment from Obama shouldn't have been such a big deal: Terrible thing ["Kamala Harris: Is She Really the Nation's Foxiest AG?" Joe Eskenazi, the Snitch, 4/5]. I'll remember that when I'm about ready to compliment a woman about how good she looks today. In a world where being nice is no longer needed, why bother?

Another reader says Kamala Harris's beauty is only skin deep: No amount of superficial beauty can make up for the ugliness of her

"Obama may find her attractive, but she was quite obviously left off his D.C. team after both of his

HAGGIE, COMMENTING ON "KAMALA HARRIS: IS SHE REALLY THE NATION'S FOXIEST AG?"

willingness to do anything (or anyone) to get ahead. She is also a horrible attorney as proven by her time in office in S.F. and at the state level. Also, Obama may find her attractive, but she was quite obviously left off his D.C. team after both of his elections. They like her raising funds for them, but they know she is a liability as a litigator.

Apparently semen cocktails seem very San Franciscan: He's based out of San Fransisco? What? Oh man, I am shocked ["Semen Cocktails: The Mixology of Man Sauce Is a Real Thing," Anna Roth, SFoodie, 4/4]! How completely uncharacteristic of the Bay Area!

In last week's article "Pushing Into New

Exploratorium is poised to be the first net energy zero building, in fact it will be the first net energy zero museum. SF Weekly regrets the error.

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SF Weekly names new editor Managing Editor Brandon Reynolds has been formally named the paper's editor following a

coming weeks and months. — STEPHEN BUEL

busy three-month period in which he did all the damn work anyway. Reynolds, a veteran editor

of alternative newsweeklies who joined the staff in September, has shepherded the Weekly

through its return to local ownership following its January acquisition by the San Francisco

Newspaper Co. Under his watch, the Weekly has expanded its local news reporting and re-

turned event listings to print after a decade-long absence. Look for other improvements in the

Territories" [news, 4/10] we stated the new VEGANS AND CARNIVORES UNITE. TRY OUR NEW BRAISED TOFU SOFRITAS™ AT ANY SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHIPOTLE. WHAT GOES INTO MAKING OUR SOFRITAS™? We start with organic tofu from Hodo Soy that we shred and then braise with chipotle chilis, roasted poblanos, and a blend of aromatic spices. The result is a delicious, spicy tofu that will give vegans and carnivores something they both will love. MEXICAN GRILL









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BOXINGLAND, USA

Against all trends, the Bay Area produces the best boxers in the world.

BY ALBERT SAMAHA

ay Area boxers ain't nothing to mess with. In 2011, Oakland's Andre Ward was named Fighter of the Year. In 2012, San Leandro's Nonito Donaire took that honor. On May 4, Gilroy's Robert Guerrero will fight Floyd Mayweather Jr. in the year's first pay-per-view mega-fight. With a vicious three-punch combination, the Bay Area has emerged as the world's new Boxing Capital.

It's an unlikely development. At the turn of the 20th century, San Francisco, lawless and nouveau riche and full of vices to indulge, was a hotspot for boxing, a pastime even more brutal then than it is now. And over the next 50 years, legends like Jack Johnson, Joe Louis, and Rocky Marciano would be among the fighters showcasing their craft in local rings. But the Bay's boxing scene has weakened dramatically since the Eisenhower Era, a casualty of the region's increasing costs and declining middle class.

American boxers traditionally came from Philly, Detroit, Brooklyn, St. Louis, and Los Angeles. That general trend might still hold steady today. Except at the top of the rankings. Among the ten best boxers on the planet, you'll find three men who were born within three years of each other and who live within an hour's drive of each other.

Their parallel successes seem even more remarkable considering they did not rise from the same gym or under some guru-trainer reshaping the local boxing scene. Instead, they each have taken separate routes, snaking through the boxing world with their own

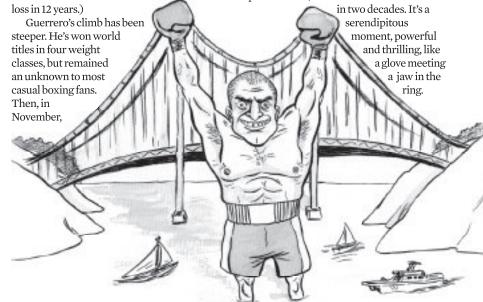
distinct styles before meeting at the sport's peak.

Ward was the amateur stud. With quick hands, precise footwork, and impeccable technique, he became an Olympic gold medalist in 2004 and then went on to win each of his 26 bouts to date, surging past every other contender in the 168-pound division. Donaire, who moved to the East Bay from the Philippines at age six, lost his second professional fight when he was 19, in Vallejo. He won 30 in a row after that, wowing the boxing world with the best left-hook in the game. (Last Saturday, he lost by unanimous decision to two-time Olympic gold medalist Guillermo Rigondeaux, a slick 122-pounder from Cuba. It was Donaire's first loss in 12 years.)

he walloped Andre Berto, a popular 147-pounder on the track to superstardom, in one of the most vicious battles in recent memory. Now he's set for a multimilliondollar payday against the 43-0 Mayweather, and all the press conferences and Showtime montages that come with it.

"You could call it a coincidence," says Charles King, who runs Oakland's Kings Gym, the place where Ward hones his skills and Donaire once trained during his amateur days. "Or maybe it was just our time to show the world what we got."

Or maybe it's that Bay Area magic going around sports these days. The one that fueled two Giants championship parades, a 49ers Super Bowl run, and the best Warriors season



Repeat Offender

A city official is accused of improperly steering grant money. But this isn't her first alleged misdeed.

ast year, SF Weekly reported that multiple nonprofits complained to the mayor's office that a PUC official warned against publicly questioning the CleanPowerSF program — if those nonprofits valued their PUC funding.

Then, earlier this year, the *Chronicle* reported that a Public Utilities Commission assistant general manager is under investigation after purportedly steering a \$200,000 PUC contract to a nonprofit whose board she chaired.

It turns out that both of these stories involve allegations against the same PUC offi-

cial: assistant general manager Juliet Ellis.

Ellis is alleged to have directed an "Energy Efficiency Job Strategies" contract to the Oakland nonprofit Green For All while still helming its board. And, on the cusp of the Board of Supervisors' September vote on the CleanPowerSF contract, SF Weekly documented multiple firsthand accounts of Ellis taking umbrage to a nonprofit worker's attempt to publicly question details of the deal. During the back and forth — which took place in and around board chambers — Ellis allegedly made reference to that nonprofit's PUC grant.

"I questioned why would funding come up at all in this situation," recalled the non-profit worker at the time. "It was a very tense situation. I know how much they've got invested in the plan. I could have potentially derailed a lot of those efforts."

Multiple complaints regarding this — and potentially other — incidents were last

year made to the mayor's office. Mayoral spokeswoman Christine Falvey referred *SF Weekly* to the PUC when asked last week about those complaints. PUC spokesman Tyrone Jue referenced the statement former General Manager Ed Harrington gave us last year: "That's not how we do business. That would be surprising to me."

Within the CleanPowerSF contract the supes approved is a \$2 million earmark for energy efficiency work. This covers the same area as the contract Ellis allegedly steered to Green For All — but is worth 10 times as much. Should the supervisors have voted down the CleanPowerSF contract, this \$2 million would have evaporated. Perhaps the PUC wasn't the only entity with a lot "invested in the plan."

Ellis remains employed at the PUC. "We're collecting all the facts before determining what, if any, action needs to be taken," Jue says. JOE ESKENAZI





HACKING THE LAW

Fights over cyber-security illustrate a larger cultural divide in Silicon Valley.

BY RACHEL SWAN

o some, hacker Andrew "Weev" Auernheimer is a cause celebré. To others, he's a famous douchebag. To many, he's a polarizing figure in a debate that's roiled Silicon Valley, pitting established tech companies against rogue innovators. When Auernheimer was sentenced to 41 months in prison for collecting and publicizing the names of 114,000 AT&T iPad users, reporters grappled over the right words to characterize him. A headline in Venture Beat reflected their ambivalence: "Terrorist, hacker, freedom fighter: Andrew Auernheimer parties tonight in expectation of jail tomorrow."

The law that federal prosecutors used as a blunt instrument against Auernheimer is nearly three decades old, but it's had a weird pop-culture resurgence in recent months. Called the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA), it prohibits "unauthorized" invasion of a computer server, mostly to discourage vindictive hackers from drilling past a firewall and scooping up sensitive information.

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(Auerheimer's lawyer, Tor Bernhard Ekeland, says the law originally protected computers that were run by stock exchanges or big financial institutions.) But in recent years it's been wielded more broadly, often to punish individual programmers who only want to make information more accessible to the public.

Federal prosecutors deployed the CFAA against Internet programmer Aaron Swartz, who hanged

himself while facing a potential 35-year rap for downloading documents from the academic website JSTOR. It also triggered a federal indictment of former Reuters social media editor Matthew Keys, who allegedly helped the hacker group Anonymous tweak a web headline in the Los Angeles Times, owned by Keys' former employer. His arraignment last week in Sacramento court has also stirred

emotions and stoked a fierce debate in the tech world.

While bloggers spar over the guilt or innocence of these three defendants, activists have used them to animate a strong critique of the CFAA, even as lawmakers threaten to make the law tighter. At the same time, Silicon Valley companies are wielding it as a sword in litigation, since a provision added in 1994 allows any of them to sue a competitor for security breaches without waiting for help from the feds. Oracle won a \$1.3 billion copyright verdict against its German rival, SAP AG, for a case that stemmed from CFAA complaints. Facebook used the law for its ongoing suit against Power Ventures Inc., a spammer based in the Cayman Islands. San Francisco lawver Bree Hann, who helped represent Oracle, says she's seen the law crop up more and more frequently in intellectual-property suits.

"The way I've typically seen it, one company has a system, and the other company breaks into it," she says, explaining that some companies use security breaches to gain a competitive advantage. In other cases, a disgruntled employee might steal a password or hand it to someone else.

Because the CFAA has become such a

valuable tool for protecting trade assets, most Silicon Valley giants have little reason to denounce it. If anything, legislators on Capitol Hill are pressing for stronger, broader language - a draft "cyber-security" bill circulating through the House Judiciary Committee would ratchet up punishments for computer crimes, and redefine CFAA violations as a form of racketeering. Interestingly, it's emerged at a moment when tech companies have

more lobbying power in Congress than every before.

Last year, Silicon Valley bigwigs poured billions of dollars into "patent troll" reform, hoping to gird themselves against frivolous patent and copyright suits. This year, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg plans to launch a Super PAC with help from Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer and venture capitalist John Doerr. Those



Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren is fighting to reform a cyber-security law that seems unduly harsh to many in the tech community, even as other lawmakers try to broaden it.

names alone could tilt the power axis in Washington.

But lawyers defending Keys and Auernheimer worry these companies have no intent to push for lighter cyber-security laws, even if Zuckerberg pays a ton of lip service to "innovation." Attorney Hanni Fakhoury, one of several Electronic Frontier Foundation attorneys representing Auernheimer on his appeal, says he's seeing more divisions now than two years ago, when a broad swath of the tech sector united against the Stop Online Piracy Act. He's not sure that Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren will garner the same widespread support for her proposed CFAA reform, which would narrow the law's scope. (She's called the revised version "Aaron's Law," in honor of Swartz.)

"If you follow what people are saying on Twitter versus what's happening in the decision-making room, there's a big disconnect," Fakhoury says, explaining that cyber-security has created a huge fault-line in the tech world. Internet activists want more leniency. Businesses want stronger protections. The Department of Justice, meanwhile, seems paranoid that a

lighter law would make it more vulnerable to cyber-security attacks.

And those interests all intermingle: Kevin Mandia, a D.C. consultant who testified for Oracle in its suit against SAP, also tracked Chinese hackers who were attacking U.S. corporations and government agencies. Meanwhile, the Department of Justice often invites testimonials from representatives of Symantec Corp. or other security companies when it's considering these issues, which only skews the conversation, Ekeland says, because "they have a vested interest in playing into the hysteria."

The irony is that Silicon Valley was built by people who broke rules, tore down digital walls, and embraced "disruption" - all the outlaw values that big companies are now trying to expel.

"Steve Jobs was selling little black boxes that allowed you to get free access to AT&T's international phone network," Ekeland says. "Bill Gates wrote a virus that infected a company network when he was 13." Whatever their trespasses, Keys,

Swartz, and Auernheimer also represent a long

tradition of innovators worming into networks to extract information.

Ekeland insists that the tech sector has lost site of its goals as it's grown richer and more powerful. "There are people in the computer services industry who are freaking out about this stuff," he says. "And these prosecutions are stifling innovators like Aaron Swartz."

But the tech world still hasn't formed a consensus around web security. Everyone is abstractly interested in the idea of crossing boundaries and forging new ideas. Yet those ideals bump up against the day-to-day concerns of running an international business and shielding trade assets. If anything, the CFAA debate may be symptomatic of a yawning wealth-andpower gap in Silicon Valley. Fakhoury doesn't see a quick resolution.

"Here's what's funny about this," he says. "We got all up in arms when Swartz killed himself. We get all up in arms when we hear about these crazy prosecutions. We work our butts off to educate the public, and you read about it in ... all the liberal media outlets."

He paused a beat. "But the fact that Oracle wants it will be enough to keep it as is. If a big company funneling billions of dollars to DC wants [this law], then we're stuck."



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GROUT EXPECTATIONS

The Central Subway plan tries to compensate for its shortcomings, but may just frack it up.

BY JOE ESKENAZI

n the days before cell phones, bored undergraduates in the restrooms of institutions of higher learning passed time by scrawling puns in the grouting between wall tiles: "The Grout Gatsby;" "It's the Grout Pumpkin, Charlie Brown;" "Grout Expectations;" and, of course, "Three Strikes and You're Grout."

This, incidentally, is called "groutfiti," and could be the first, last, and only time many people gave a moment's thought to grout. North Beach residents, however, may be thinking a grout deal about the stuff in the coming weeks. As part of the ongoing plan to extract Central Subway tunnel-boring machines from the derelict Pagoda Palace theater, an engineering firm contracted by the city has proposed injecting "compaction grouting" into the earth to prevent nearby century-old, brick-foundation structures from sinking during the subterranean construction project.

An engineer retained by opponents of the Central Subway project has sworn that shooting grouting beneath the streets of North Beach in hopes of preventing settlement is doomed to failure - as either a preventive or reactive measure. And independent engineers say that administering compaction grouting is a complex and delicate procedure not to be undertaken lightly; if the mixture of cement, sand, and water is injected into the earth at too great a pressure, North Beach could experience an impromptu fracking.

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or years, Douglas Ahlers hoped to transform the Pagoda Palace back into a thriving theater. That never happened. Doing so would have required rivers of money rivaling the actual river Ahlers suspects flows beneath the Palace.

His hopes to build a basement for scenery storage and a prop shop were quashed when

"the report from some test borings showed that there were some issues with water likely an underground stream coming off Russian Hill," he writes in a recent e-mail. Excavating the site "was put to me as something well outside of the budget."



Ahlers, however, didn't possess the resources of the city, its Municipal Transportation Agency, and the federal government, all of which are intent on pushing through the Central Subway, the Tropicana of polit-

> ically juiced projects. Over the past decade, its price tag has leaped by 150 percent while the line's estimated ridership has fallen by 65 percent. In order to stave off the debacle of extracting tunnel-boring machines from the middle of Columbus Avenue, the city has proposed the two-for-one deal of doing away with the eyesore that is the Pagoda Palace while unearthing the machines out of the public right-of-way. Last week, new construction estimates pushed

the anticipated price of the endeavor from \$9.15 million to \$13.7 million. The cost was pegged at \$8 million in February and was sold as adding only \$3 million to project costs as recently as December. Whatever the final total, the money will be siphoned

from Muni's general reserve.

A proposal presented to the city on March 1 by the engineering firm Arup lays out what this undertaking would entail. The proposal is candid that much of the analysis remains to be done. "The effects of the shaft and [boring machine] excavation on the existing building and utilities" are notably undetermined. A January Arup memorandum included a map of 10 "buildings in the influence zone of the Retrieval Shaft Works.'

In the event these or other structures are affected, "For the purposes of our scope and fee, it has been assumed that compensation grouting will be the preferred solution to control settlements," notes the proposal.

"I can't tell you how idiotic this is," growls Lawrence Karp, the veteran engineer hired by Central Subway foes: Injecting grout beneath aging structures will neither prevent those structures from settling nor prop them back up if they do. "That technique will not work in this type of soil situation," he says. Karp describes

the earth beneath North Beach as "dirty sand. Fill. Essentially garbage" strewn there following the 1906 earthquake. Compensation grouting would work with uniform sand — "but, here, it's just gonna run all over the place."

Luis Piek, the Arup engineer who prepared the proposal for the city, was taken aback that it had been obtained by SF Weekly. He declined to discuss project specifics but did "stand behind our ability to deliver what's in the report." Independent experts, however, say that the grouting process Piek described in the proposal as "the preferred solution" would be a complex and costly affair.

"It's a very involved process," says tunneling engineer Gregg Korbin. "It's expensive and it takes talented people." Douglas Hamilton, the engineering geologist for the Devil's Slide project, concurs: "Grouting is a mysterious process." If grout is injected at too low a pressure, he continues, it won't settle in the right place. And if it's applied with too much pressure, you'll create fissures - and that's fracking.

Deep beneath the earth's surface, fracking can cause earthquakes. Hamilton says this won't happen at shallow depths in North Beach — "but you could end up with basements full of grout."

efinitive soil samples revealing fine sand or "garbage" would go a long way toward calming fears or lending validity to Karp's gloomy scenario. Oddly, at this point in the game, one doesn't exist. The sole sample gathered on the Pagoda Palace site was a 31-foot boring made in 2008 in anticipation of a taqueria and condos being constructed above. The proposed retrieval shaft for the boring machines — a somewhat more involved project than a taqueria — would go down 42 feet. In the world of engineering, where sayings like "measure twice, cut once" are commonplace, it comes off as strange to devise a plan and then obtain a soil sample.

"I would think it prudent to have at least one very well-sampled boring that went at least to that depth [42 feet] and maybe 10 or 20 feet below the maximum intended depth," Hamilton says. "You don't know what you're dealing with without information like that."

Muni spokesman Paul Rose noted that more borings for soil samples - which, hopefully, will go as deep or deeper than 42 feet - will be undertaken prior to construction, slated for next month. If need be, Rose adds, "the retrieval shaft will be amended as necessary to address those conditions."

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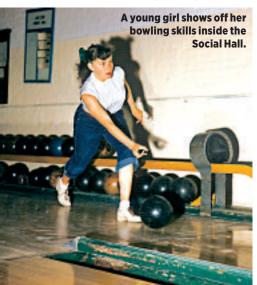
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Chuck Stucker shows off a string of fish with his uncle and associate warden Nova Stucker in 1950.



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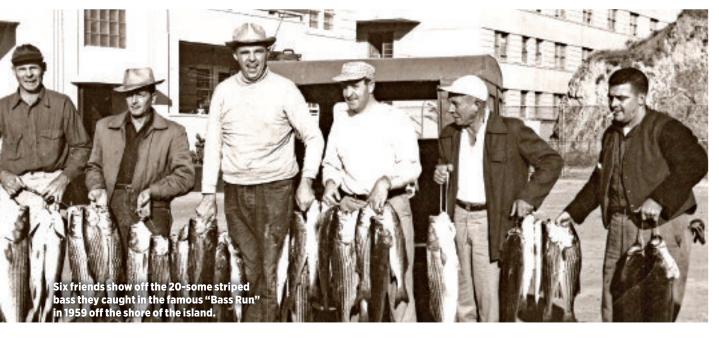






ROCK SWEET ROCK

THE CHILDREN WHO CALLED ALCATRAZ HOME TELL AN ALTERNATE HISTORY OF "DEVIL'S ISLAND."



BY KATIE TANDY

n Dec. 22, 1946, Samuel Shockley and Miran "Blackie" Thompson, two of the six prisoners involved in the infamous Battle of Alcatraz which left two men dead and 13 injured were sentenced to death following a monthlong trial. As Thompson was being led from the courtroom he bellowed, "It's just as well! I'd rather have it that way than go back to The Rock!"

This was the public impression of life on Alcatraz, fueled by newspaper articles that read like pulp fiction. David Ward gathered some of these in his book Alcatraz: The Gangster Years: "Slow, anguishing torture of interminable confinement ... a curious relic of medieval barbarity extended into modern times," said a 1946 edition of the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In 1935, the San Francisco News claimed it had received clandestine information from a prisoner: "Note Says 3 driven insane at Alcatraz: Brutality and Torture Charged in Letter Smuggled from 'Devil's Isle.' Ridiculous says Warden, Prisoner Declares Inmates Beaten, Shot with Gas Guns, Starved."

And secrecy was the law of that tiny land. But the Bureau of Prisons's decision to "cloak the island in an air of mystery," in regards to both the public and press, ultimately backfired.

"Claiming Alcatraz was a nightmare became a standard defense strategy," said Ward in his book. The high-profile cases stemming from Alcatraz's escape attempts and riots called into question the ethics of both the Bureau of Prisons and the federal government. Defense lawyers implied that the government-sanctioned environment of Alcatraz may have driven men to madness and murder in the hopes of escape. Ward wrote of how even academics entered the fray: Criminologist Negley Teeters went on record insisting that "guards and prisoners live[d] in a vicious twilight state of mutual

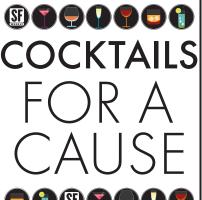
Alcatraz conjures many images - punishment, penance, a kitschy tourist attraction though rarely a vision of family. But during its 29 years as a federal prison, from 1934 to 1963, about 700 people called the Rock home, including the young sons and daughters of guards, wardens, and electricians.

Contrary to the public perception of brutal conditions, though, when you talk to the children of those guards, the story is quite different. Living quietly in the shadow of the prison during any given year were up to 60 families and a handful of bachelors, who thrived in a peculiar but pleasant island life near a major American city.

In one of the strangest existences in San Francisco history, the children of Alcatraz grew up in a bubble, living a stone's throw from notorious criminals, but deeply sheltered in an intimate community. Straddling both isolation and a strange celebrity among their peers _ "What's it like to live on the Rock?" — the children of Alcatraz, now grown, recall a largely idyllic backdrop to their youth, a compelling history hidden behind the prison's story.

By overlaying both narratives, a more complete story of Alcatraz's convo->> p14





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luted past emerges, even as time distorts the distinction between truth and memory, rumor and reality.

ohn Brunner, 74, moved to Alcatraz in 1950 at age 10 from Long Beach; his father had been hired as the island's electrician. Brunner, who spent the next 13 years on the Rock (when the prison closed) was largely in the dark about the new move.

"I didn't know what to expect," he says.
"My mom had passed away. It was just my father, grandmother, and I. There was a discussion and he filled me in on some of the restrictions — I had to give up any of my toys that looked like a weapon, all my cowboy and Indian stuff — but not what it was going to be like."

Phil Dollison, 76, whose father, Arthur, became Alcatraz's last associate warden, says his family's move was a bit of a mystery as well. Dollison, his parents, and his sister, Jolene, were all living in a "boring little town" — Terre Haute, Ind. — when in the spring of 1954 it was decided they were going to San Francisco for his father to pursue a better career. He was poised to become the "manager of industries" on the island, overseeing the factories where prisoners made everything from furniture to war-effort goods like Army uniforms.

"To us, it was big-time, because we were going to California. They had gold growing on the trees," laughs Dollison. "It was nice when we got to San Francisco, but when we went down to Van Ness Avenue and got on the boat you couldn't see Alcatraz — it was enshrouded in fog. And all of the sudden, 15 minutes later, Alcatraz rises out. And I'm scared. 'My god,' I was thinking, 'what have I gotten myself into?""

But soon enough, after "wrestling my way through the pecking order" of playground friends and foes, Dollison discovered that life on the Rock — despite ominous weather and the proximity of criminals — was peaceful and secure, an idyllic setting, reminiscent of "Leave It To Beaver."

"We didn't even have locks on our doors," says Dollison. "Nobody had keys or ever wor-

Jolene Babyak (far right) gathers with four other children of Alcatraz, circa 1950. The jagged cliffs and surrounding water were a bigger worry to parents than prison security.



Photograph courtesy of Chuck Stucker

ried about it. None of us had any fear of the inmates — which were the worst federal criminals in the country — because our dads were in control."

His sister, Jolene Babyak, 66, author of several books on Alcatraz, echoes his sentiments. "I knew the prisoners were special and dangerous and sometimes they'd roar, like you'd hear at a stadium. I'd ask my mother about it but she'd just say, 'Oh, they're just letting off steam.' She was matter-of-fact about it."

Chuck Stucker, 72, son of a prison guard, 13-year resident of the island, and president of the Alcatraz Alumni Association, says life there was "safe and quiet. Mothers worried more about the steep cliffs or falling off the balconies than the presence of the prisoners."

"We just didn't pay any attention to them," he continues. "Put yourself in the mindset of a kid — these guys were adults. They had uniforms on and were of course dressed differently from the guards ... but kids just didn't socialize much with adults."

The island was divided into three levels: The beach and dock were on the lowest level; the residences on the second; and the prison and warden's house on the third. The families primarily lived in Building 64, a rather dreary three-story, barracks-style building, but there were three modern apartment buildings, a large duplex, and four cottages for senior officers.

Between the parade ground — a huge concrete area originally built for military drills and parades in the 1860's — and the Officer's Club, which featured a library, a small Chuck Stucker, around age nine, strikes a jaunty pose outside the handball courts with his uncle Clyde, a correctional officer on Alcatraz. Stucker describes life on the Rock as "safe, quiet and idyllic."

bar, billiards, ping-pong, a dancefloor, and a two-lane bowling alley, Alcatraz's social life was positively teeming.

"I started meeting kids on the second or third day," Brunner says. "We lived in 64 Building, right off the dock. One of the first things they taught me was on the Parade Ground. You put on a pair of skates and held up a sheet like a sail between two kids. Because the wind went maybe 10 miles an hour, we had a ball with it."

Fishing was also a very popular past-time. Brunner says that in 1955, he and his friends caught so many bass — "at least 20 or 30" — they were able to feed the prison population, twice.

Life on Alcatraz wasn't without its inconveniences, however. There were only two pay phones that civilians could use to call the mainland. A call from the mainland would be routed to a control center up in the prison, where a guard would answer and then call the intended person on their personal apartment telephone. While every apartment did have its own phone, which connected to every other phone on the island, none of them connected directly to the mainland.

"It was the technology at the time — they just didn't feel it was necessary to have more than one pay phone," says Brunner. "But imagine 15 teenage girls trying to call their boyfriends in the city," he laughs. "It was crazy."

A small motorboat made about 12 trips to the mainland daily; most children took the 7:30 a.m., which dropped them on Van Ness Avenue. The last boat left San Francisco at 12:30 a.m. "Sometimes you wanted to stay out, but that meant having to sleep in your car in the city, and that was a bit of a chore," says Brunner of his teenage days.

The close quarters and intense familial overlap also proved to be an ongoing challenge. With just 22 acres and 60 families at any given time, at times the sense of incarceration permeated out from the prison walls.

"If you take 60 different families, you'll get 60 sets of values," says Babyak. "And everyone had different religions. It was a very



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gossipy island and it was magnified because it got around so quickly."

But that gossip wasn't allowed off the island.

n the 30 years it operated, I never came across any allegation that any family members ever gave information of any kind to the press," says Ward. "The very idea was cause for removal and that's a big inhibiting factor. To bring it home would only mean to worry families and have you afraid to have you go to work. The officers would understand that people in the 'free world' have no comprehension of what it's like to work in a maximum security prison."

In his book, Ward said the Department of Justice believed a "maximum-custody, minimum-privilege regime at Alcatraz was necessary for practical reasons of security," and feared public backlash from the prison's resistance to the then-current, progressive models of prison. So in an attempt to minimize public criticism and scrutiny, the Bureau of Prisons laid a "policy of secrecy" over the island. Not only was it forbidden to speak to the general public or press about the prison, but families were also kept in the dark, at least officially, as "leaked" information was punishable by dismissal; discussing your day as a guard was considered too disturbing. "There were stories you could share with other men, ones you couldn't share with your wife or children," Babyak says.

So the guards and wardens, cooks and cleaners turned to one another as confidants. exchanging daily tales over clandestine cocktails. Both alcohol and discussing prison protocol was forbidden, but to maintain a certain amount of sanity, the working men of Alcatraz dabbled in both.

"It's like cops today," Babyak says. "You don't go sit at the dinner table and tell the kids about how one guy tried to stab another guy. It's also like liquor on the island. It's not allowed to be there but everybody had it."

Stucker adds, "They didn't talk about it with me or their wives or nobody except on the rare occasion if you happened to squeeze into a little drinking session with these guys. ... A fair amount of alcohol flowed on the island and it was like war stories among veterans. They don't speak about it until they're

As the son of a guard, Stucker "had been instructed never to surprise my father," he says. "They were tightly coiled, they all were."

Though they didn't speak about it to their families, the guards knew just how badly the prisoners wanted out.

rom 1934 to 1963, there were 14 escape attempts. The second-to-last, and most famous, occurred June 11, 1962: Clarence and John Anglin and Frank Morris burrowed out of their cells (leaving papier mache heads behind), climbed a ventilation shaft, and fled the island on a makeshift raft fashioned from raincoats. (They were never found, dead or alive.)

Jolene Babyak and Phil Dollison's father, Arthur "Art" Dollison, was serving as active warden during the escape.

"I remember my dad that day," says Dollison. "The telephone rang in our house, my dad picked up the phone, and that was the second time in my life he said a swear word: 'Oh shit.' I knew something serious had happened. Myself and some of my friends, we walked around the island along the water to see if we could help. We were thinking what we would do if we were trying to get

"The escape happened three blocks from our housing," says Babyak. "The siren woke me up and I thought it was exciting. I was a newspaper hound and of course it was in the paper. I grilled my dad with a lot of questions, but it never shook my confidence."

Lesley Brunner - who lived in San Francisco and met her husband. John, at an Alcatraz Christmas party — witnessed the next and final escape attempt six months later while visiting a friend on the island.

"I saw a guard running with what looked like a rifle," says Lesley. "And the loudspeaker was blaring, telling everyone to stay inside and lock all the doors and windows."

After two hours of peering out the apartment windows, the girls spotted the guards bringing a soaking Daryl Parker back to prison. "It was the first time I saw a man in his underwear!" she laughs.

Without any pay phones, Lesley wasn't



John Brunner and his wife Lesley - who met at a Christmas party on Alcatraz - pose for a gusty shot on the hood of their car in 1964.

even able to let her mother, over in the city, know what was happening or where she was. "Apparently she was very worried, but at 17. it didn't occur to me how dangerous a situation it was. I was having a great time, it was an experience."

Phil Dollison says he was the only child to ever get a tour of the prison while it was still operating as a prison — a chilling experience.

"At that time, The Birdman of Alcatraz was one of the top movies of that era and I had seen it and I was so impressed with Burt Lancaster. My father took me up to the second floor, to [Bird Man] Robert Stroud's cell. I stood there for 15 to 20 minutes in awe while they talked. I thought he was such an important figure, I couldn't even ask him a question."

That same day, Dollison also encountered one of the rare disturbing moments of his time on Alcatraz, strolling down >> p16

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the infamous corridor known as Broadway beside his father.

"Everyone was screaming and whistling," he says. "But he wouldn't answer me when I asked him why they're doin' that. But once we left he said, 'Because you're a young boy and they see [young boys] as sexual objects.' But he wouldn't explain until we got outside."

n the wake of the Great Depression, which created unemployment rates as high as 25 per cent in the '30s, men needed jobs. Working in a prison offered security, a steady income, and didn't require much education. According to *A History of Alcatraz Island: 1853-2008*, a new guard in 1948 would make \$3,000 a year (about \$28,500 after adjusting for inflation). That's not an impressive salary, but considering monthly rent was only \$400 at most (after inflation) it's not too shabby either.

"The civil service exam qualified you to apply for government jobs like Border Patrol, the U.S. Coast Guard, the FBI, etc.," says Babyak. "But many of these men were determined to take the first offer they got and sometimes they'd send them to Alcatraz. These people would literally pack up their kids and at their own expense move 2,000 miles across the country to Alcatraz."

But the job carried a stigma: Perpetuated by pop culture and misinformation, the public view of prison guards was as thugs, not much better than the criminals themselves.

Joshua Page, author of *The Toughest Beat:* Politics, Punishment, and the Prison Officers Union in California (Studies in Crime and Public Policy), says that the classic portrayal of guards within mainstream media is one of sadism, corruption, and ineffectiveness. "People believe that those that can't become cops become prison officers."

But Babyak says this perception wasn't felt by the guards, or their families.

"The question of stigma is complex," she says. "Certainly there was stigma among the public and within television and movies, but there was no stigma for them. These were guys that been raised on farms and quit school in sixth, seventh, eighth grade. They got a pension and it was a bit prestigious in comparison to other prisons. They were just ordinary guys — sometimes from the Army and Navy — and they needed a job. They got to San Francisco and thought, "This is a nice town, wonder what I can do here!"

For their children, the mystery of the island had a certain cache.

"Everybody at Galileo High School [in San Francisco] knew all the kids from Alcatraz and every one of them wanted to go," says Dollison. "But unless they knew somebody, they couldn't get over. Taking a tourist in the '50s or '60s was a big plus for anybody.

"We knew living there was very special in terms of the history of San Francisco," he says. "Everyone knew us and we had a little bit of status there."

Babyak adds that there was also a fair amount of pride among the guards — as well as prisoners.

"For the guards, it was a bit more elite, at least in appearance, than other prisons," she says, "and as for the prisoners, in retrospect, they loved telling tales about surviving Alcatraz once they'd been transferred or released."

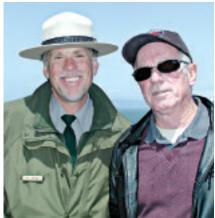
Ward came across the same pride permeating every facet of Alcatraz's inhabitants, from the guards and families to the prisoners themselves.

"The institution had become highly publicized, and for many of the sons and daughters, Alcatraz is the most important thing that ever happened in their families," he says. "And when inmates of other prisons wanted to impress me with how tough things were, they'd compare it to Alcatraz. Even other convicts had the image that Alcatraz prison was the worst there ever was."

t was Ward himself who first penetrated the prison's "policy of secrecy" and began to debunk some of those myths.

While most prisons after World War II experienced a newfound emphasis on the exploration of psychological and sociological treatment for prisoners, Alcatraz and its prisoners remained outside their seemingly progressive societal evolutions.

In 1974, former director of the Bureau of Prisons, James Bennett, approached Ward



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Phil Dollison (right) with National Parks ranger John Cantwell at a recent Alcatraz reunion. To this day, ex-guards, exconvicts, and their families all gather on Alcatraz for reunions every August.

about reopening an Alcatraz study Ward had first initiated more than 10 years prior. Bennett wanted Ward to counter once and for all the unsavory rumors about Alcatraz. "He was very upset about the stories and images of Alcatraz that he heard were being conveyed by National Park Service Rangers now that the island was open to the public," says Ward. "NPS, of course, had no information about the prison except journalistic accounts written by authors - who never visited the island or talked to the prisoners - and a few ex-convicts and former guards who were living in the Bay Area." Ward was the first "free world" citizen granted access to Alcatraz's trove of records, files, and first-hand tales from the men who worked there, and went on to tell the stories of the prison hidden from the public — and the Alcatraz families themselves.

"I had wives tell me, T've never heard him talk like that ... he's never told us these stories," says Ward. "Rules were so strict. 'Free world' people were kept at arm's length throughout the entire history of the prison." Ward also discovered, through hundreds of interviews with ex-convicts, workers, and family members, that the unique characteristics of the prisoners may have made them particularly successful at self-rehabilitation.

"They were truly an exceptional group of people; they were the leaders, clever, ingenious, physically powerful, many of them very intimidating," Ward says. "That half of this population was able to survive an average of about five years on the Rock, go on to other prisons, and then finally get released on parole, indicates that these guys had made conscious decisions to spend the rest of their lives in the free world. Psychological treatment wasn't bothered with because they were supposed to be unchangeable. But the aging process worked its wonders."

ver time, the aging process affected too the now-grown children of Alcatraz: Certain inconsistencies would arise in their stories, revealing the slippery nature of history — especially personal history.

Just as the institutionalized secrecy of Alcatraz created conflicting and often false perceptions of the Rock's inner workings, so too did the memories of those who lived there. The firsthand stories of the guards, prisoners, and children alike are distorting Alcatraz's notorious history, adding intricate layers that create a fuller, but not necessarily clearer, picture of what happened.

Phil Dollison remembers that "most of the boys from Alcatraz went into law enforcement." He believed that in particular the sons of guards or wardens were so steeped in that culture and had such reverence for their fathers that they simply couldn't help developing a desire to follow them.

But Chuck Stucker says the numbers simply didn't support that reality. "I can tell you right off that ten, maybe 12 kids went into law enforcement, and that's out of hundreds," he says.

Stucker also doubted Dollison's story about searching for the escaped convicts along the water's edge in '62. From Stucker's experience, protocol was rigid and no civilians — and certainly no teenagers — would be allowed to wander around with criminals running amok.

Still, for Dollison it's the truth. But Stucker thinks that "memories 40 years later are wonderful" but questionable.

Like The Rock's occupants — both families and convicts alike — so much of Alcatraz's history is composed of memories, rumors, half-truths, and personal stories. Like a twisting kaleidoscope, every time you peer in, everything looks a little different depending on the light.

Ultimately, however, the very tales in question — those recorded by the prisoners, guards, mothers, and children — are what have united them in the fading history of The Rock. While official reunions didn't formally launch until 1984 through the NPS, the children of Alcatraz and their families began gathering to reminisce long before that.

"Around 1967," says Dollison, "we said,
"Let's get together in our travel trailers, the
four or five of us, and have a weekend somewhere by Russian River. We'll drink beer and
play cards and talk about Alcatraz stories. It
just evolved over the years. Around '74 we

said, 'Why don't we invite everybody who lived there?"

Eventually the NPS — which had taken over Alcatraz — gave Dollison a call and said it wanted to "get some historic perspective and send somebody up to interview you about the reunion." The NPS explained that the person they were sending was a former inmate — Frank Hatfield — who had since became a park ranger.

Dollison says he warned them that sending a convict into their reunion wasn't a great idea. While the daily interactions between guards and prisoners were rarely hostile, fraternization was another thing entirely. Collapsing the boundary between guard and inmate wasn't easy, even after both had left the island. In Ward's book, a former inmate, Floyd Harrell, describes the situation:

"Relationships between inmates and officers were cool ... the general climate at Alcatraz was not conducive to friendly relationships. ... I arrived at Alcatraz believing the personnel and the prisoners were on different sides of the fence and I left feeling the same way."

"In those days the officers from Alcatraz wanted nothing to do with those inmates," says Dollison. "I said, 'Don't bring an inmate up there to Russian River, they're not gonna want that.' And sure enough, early morning, Hatfield walks through the compound at the Russian River and scared the hell out of everybody. Because an inmate walks in. ... I said, 'This is a closed organization, we don't want outsiders and we don't want convicts."

The former guards got together and threw Hatfield out. An hour or so later, the NPS came in and booted the guards. The tension between guards and prisoners was still too fresh. But since this incident, the animosity has slowly cooled.

Beginning in the mid '80s, and continuing today, is the unlikely gathering of both exprisoners and former guards at an annual reunion every August. Stucker says that in the reunion's heyday in the '90s, 40 or 50 "island people," including half a dozen inmates, would all return to the island together. "That's when the guards and prisoners really started rubbing elbows again," says Stucker.

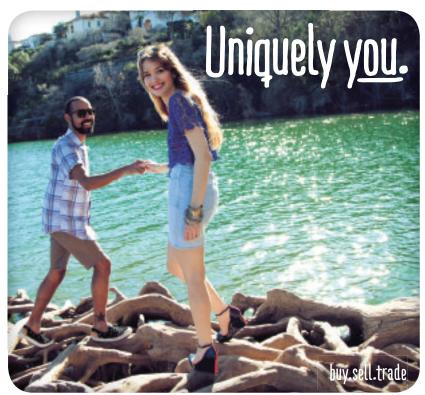
But two decades on, the reunions have been reduced to a handful of Alcatraz alumni. Stucker gets sad thinking that a rich history is fading so fast.

"The majority of people at the reunions now are the kids who grew up there on the island. And you have to be in your sixties to have any memory at all," he says. "We're down to one last convict. The reunions won't last too much longer, I don't think.

"The average age between convicts and guards was only one year apart," he continues. "They were contemporaries in every sense of the word. No, they're not so much friends, but they became closely connected in later years because they had a common denominator. The camaraderie between former convicts and former officers was remarkable.

"If you can walk up to someone and talk about people and situations they know and you know, they open up," he says. "The information is dying with our group and we're trying to tell every story ... and the convicts are part of that."

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THE FORGOTTEN HOLIDAY

Doug Benson has been honing his blunt humor through regular appearances in San Francisco comedy clubs for many years. Appearing in the smoke-tolerant city to test out material in front of the veritable choir helped in the development of The Marijuana-Logues, which became an off-Broadway and a national touring show in 2004, and in Benson's own 2007 documentary Super High Me. The open culture here provides an endless source of inspiration for him, not to mention many ciphers to join after each show. So it's only fitting that the comedian would choose S.F. to record his sixth comedy album (following last year's Smug Life) on the unofficial stoners' holiday of 4/20. But this is no ordinary day for Benson, so he is stretching the celebration out to two days.

Doug Benson begins with the "Countdown to 4/20" Friday, April 19, at 10:30 p.m. and continues with two sessions for the live album taping on Saturday, April 20, at 7:45 and 10 p.m at Cobb's Comedy Club, 915 Columbus Ave., S.F. Admission is \$25; call or visit cobbscomedyclub.com for more info.

▼ STAGE

TRADITIONAL OPPRESSION

The nine characters in Sheetal Gandhi's **Bahu-Beti-Biwi** ("Daughter-in-law, Daughter, Wife"), a solo show that blends theater,



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singing, and different forms of world dance, are both disparate and unified. "They're inspired by women in my life," she says, like her mom and her aunt, and yet they are also "imagined characters that come from old women's folk songs in North India," songs she first discovered on a research trip during college. At the same time, she says, her characters could also be "the essence of one woman throughout, one person at different points of her life in different countries." Gandhi's show itself has already toured many countries, and Gandhi, a Bay Area native who has per-

formed both on Broadway and with Cirque du Soleil, employs traditions as diverse as Kathak and West African dance. In exploring these nine women, she says, "I'm not placing men in the role of the oppressor." Instead, she's more concerned with "all the ways we oppress ourselves, the way tradition oppresses." Yet what emerges is a portrait not of victimhood but of strength. Her characters, she says, are "actively resisting and making choices and confronting their own self-imposed restrictions." And they are also always "longing for more."

Bahu-Beti-Biwi starts at 8 p.m. and continues through April 21 at ODC Theater, 3153 17th St., S.F. Admission is \$20-\$30; call 863-9834 or visit odctheater.org/buytickets. php. LILY JANIAK

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- Alley Cat Books. Amanda Lopez: Mi Vida Loca Photos from the Archive: Photographic snapshots of Latino life and love in the Bay Area. Through April 25. free. 3036 24th St., San Francisco, 824-1761, www.facebook.com/alleycatbooks.
- Altman Siegel Gallery. "O the sleeping bag contains the body but not the dreaming head". McIntyre Parker curates this group show featuring various objets d'art by Alice Channer, Aaron Flint Jamison, and Anicka Yi. Starting April 18. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through June 1. 49 Geary, San Francisco, 576-9300, www.altmansiegel.com.
- Amelia Hyde Gallery. Puss 'n' Boots II: 16-artist group show of erotic art. Through April 20. 521 6th St., San Francisco, 990-2043, www. ameliahyde.com.
- Andrea Schwartz Gallery. Between the Lines: Group show featuring book-themed paintings, photography, and mixed media collages by Cara Barer, Mike Stilkey, and Melinda Tidwell. Mondays-Saturdays. Continues through April 26. 545 4th St., San Francisco, 495-2090, www.asgallery.com.
- ArtZone 461 Gallery. José Ramón Lerma: A Sixty Year Retrospective: A look back at the Bay Area artist's abstract expressionist paintings, mixed media assemblages, and more. Wednesdays-Sundays. Continues through May 5. 461 Valencia, San Francisco, 441-8680, www.artzone461.com.
- Bayview/Anna E. Walden Branch Library. Bayview's Historical Footprints: Redux!: Historical photography exhibit and stories by Bayview/Hunters Point elders. Daily. 5075 Third St., San Francisco, 355-5757, www.sfpl.org.
- Brian Gross Fine Art. Teo González: Recent Paintings: The New York painter presents a series of abstract works with dark backgrounds speckled with star-like dots. Final exhibition at 49 Geary before BGFA moves to a new space at 248 Utah St. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 18. 49 Geary, San Francisco, 788-1050, www.briangrossfineart.com.
- Caldwell Snyder Gallery. Douglas Schneider: Spellbound: Pop art images of American life mix and mingle with expressionistic blurs of paint in this solo show by the Oakland painter. Through April 28. 341 Sutter St., San Francisco, 296-7896, www.caldwellsnyder.com.
- Center for Sex & Culture. Midori: The Evoco Project: The Japanese bondage expert displays prints made by pressing paper against inky rope bondage performers. Through April 27. 1349 Mission, San Francisco, 902-2071, www.sexandculture.org.
- Dogpatch Cafe. Shawn Ray Harris: PhotographsPlus: Solo exhibition of whimsical photo composites. Through May 10. 2295 Third St., San Francisco, 255-9982.
- Dolby Chadwick Gallery. Suhas Bhujbal: Dialogues: Paintings of people and buildings rendered in bright blocks of vibrant color. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through April 27. 210 Post, San Francisco, 956-3560, www.dolbychadwickgallery.com.
- Electric Works. Scott Serrano: Picturesque Flora Wallaceana: An invented landscape installation of images, text, and artifacts in homage to 19th century botanical exploration. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through April 20. www.botanicalart.us. 1360 Mission St., San Francisco, 626-5496, www.sfelectricworks.com.
- Eli Ridgway Gallery. Christopher Taggart: Cuts and Splits: Complex composite collages, sculpture, and etchings made from repurposed playing cards, photographs, telephones, and more. Tuesdays-

- Saturdays. Continues through May 4.172 Minna St., San Francisco, 777-1366, www.eliridgway.com.
- The Emerald Tablet. James Cha: 3,000 Realms in a Single Moment:

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 Wednesdays-Sundays. Continues through April 27. 80 Fresno St.,
 San Francisco, 500-2323, www.emtab.org.
- Ever Gold Gallery. Evan Nesbit: Light Farming/Heavy Gardening: Solo exhibition featuring mixed media paintings, perceptual objects, sculpture, and interactive "space blankets." Wednesdays-Saturdays. Continues through April 26. 441 O'Farrell, San Francisco, 796-3676. www.everooldaallery.com.
- Fifty24SF Gallery. Aryz: Style Is the Limit: Solo show of paintings by the Barcelona street muralist, Aesop Rock album illustrator, and Juxtapoz coverboy. Starting April 19. Wednesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 31. 252 Fillmore, San Francisco, 252-9144, www.fifty24sf.com.
- Fraenkel Gallery. Christian Marclay: Things I've Heard: The visual artist and avant-garde music composer presents a series of photographs with sound as the central theme. Though silent in and of themselves, the subjects in these images invite the viewer to imagine sound where technically there is none. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 25. 49 Geary, San Francisco, 981-2661, www.fraenkelgallery.com.
- Gallery 16. Graham Gillmore: Gillmore's paintings combine handwritten text with abstract color forms to create wry artistic commentaries. Mondays-Saturdays. Continues through April 30. 501 Third St., San Francisco. 626-7495. www.gallery16.com.
- Gallery Heist. Tag It & Bag It: Connecting Dots in the Multiverse: Group exhibition introducing E.A.T. (Existential Action Team). Wednesdays-Saturdays. Continues through April 26. Free. 679 Geary, San Francisco, 714-507-0718, www.galleryheist.com.
- Gauntlet Gallery. Visions & Reflections: 50-artist group show featuring interpretive Pop Surrealism works all on identical 12"x12" wood panels in a wide range of painting styles. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 11. free. 1040 Larkin St., San Francisco, 590-2303, www.gauntletgallery.com.
- George Krevsky Fine Art. Out of the Park: The Art of Baseball: Large group show of playful (no pun intended) paintings, drawings, and photographs inspired by the Great American Pastime, including some local love for Giants and A's. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 25. 77 Geary, San Francisco, 397-9748, www. georgekrevskygallery.com.
- GLBT History Museum. Legendary: African American GLBT Past Meets Present: New multimedia exhibit in the Corner Gallery showcasing the dynamic and diverse history of Bay Area African American gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender lives from the 1970s to today. Mondays, Wednesdays-Sundays. Continues through April 30. 4127 18th St., San Francisco, 621-1107, www.glbthistorymuseum.org.
- Gregory Lind Gallery. Amy Feldman: Raw Graces: Bold blackand-white abstract paintings. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through April 20. 49 Geary, San Francisco, 296-9661, www. gregorylindgallery.com.
- Guerrero Gallery. Andrea Sonnenberg, Ted Pushinsky, and Travis Jensen: An exhibition of street photography capturing the small glories of urban San Francisco life. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 4. 2700 19th St., San Francisco, 400-5168, www. guerrerogallery.com.
- Haines Gallery. Darren Waterston: Ravens and Ruins: A collection of dreamlike, ethereal paintings and a bestiary of paper silhouettes. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through June 1. 49 Geary, San Francisco, 397-8114, www.hainesgallery.com.
- Hosfelt Gallery. Alan Rath: Irrational Exuberance: Roth's sculptural robotic creations — bedecked with pheasant and ostrich feathers seem to take on a mysterious life of their own. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 18. 260 Utah St., San Francisco, 495-5454, www.hosfeltgallery.com.
- lan Ross Gallery. Zio Ziegler: Chaos/Clarity: An exhibition of largescale figurative paintings in a distinctly colorful and tribalistic style. Through May 10. 466 Brannan St., San Francisco, 533-5758, www.ianrossgallery.com.
- Intersection for the Arts. Su-Chen Hung: Ants in the City: A video installation incorporating dyed red sugar, a macro lens, and a colony of semi-cooperative ants. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 25. free. 925 Mission, San Francisco, 626-2787, www. theintersection.org.
- Johansson Projects. A Willing Transfer of Belief: A two-person exhibition featuring painting and sculpture by Michelle Blade and sound/video installations by Hillary Wiedemann. Thursdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 18. 2300 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, 510-444-9140, www.johanssonprojects.com.
- Lower Branch Gallery. Stick Up Kids: Graffiti sticker art group show featuring Gunk, 7Seas, Aura, Boise, 455er, Rusto, Timber, and more. Fri., April 19, 6-10 p.m. free. 233 Eddy St., San Francisco, 525-4626, www.lowerbranch.com.
- The Luggage Store. Xara Thustra: Pop-Up Show: An installation of both older and new work by the S.F. street art veteran and activist. In keeping with the show's theme of "seffless acts," everything in the pop-up store is free during the second week of the exhibition. Wednesdays-Saturdays. Continues through April 27. free. 1007 Market, San Francisco, 255-5971, www.lugqagestoregallery.org.
- Main Library, Jewett Gallery. Phiz Mezey: We Live Here San Francisco, 1960s-1970s: Photographs illustrate the changing face of the city and its people over two decades. Through June 2. free. 100 Larkin. San Francisco. 557-4277. www.sfpl.org.

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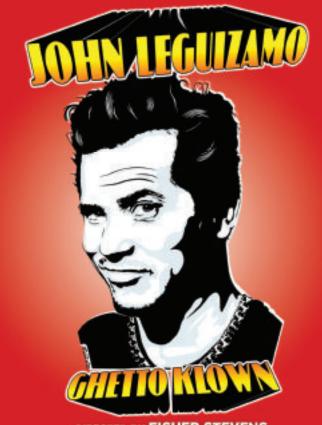
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Main Library, Skylight Gallery. On the Clock: A Playful Guide to Working Life: Photography selections from the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor give a lighthearted spin to our daily drudgeries. Through May 31. free. 100 Larkin, San Francisco, 557-4277, www.sfpl.org.

MARCH. Paulette Tavormina: Photographs: Photographic still lifes shot in a painterly style reminiscent of the Old Masters. Through June 1. 3075 Sacramento St., San Francisco, 931-7433, www.marchsf.com.

The McLoughlin Gallery. American Family: Venezuelian-born photographer Cristóbal Valecillos showcases his new work: a full-scale cardboard abode with a multiethnic cast representing Valecillos' real America. Through April 27. 49 Geary Ste. 200, San Francisco, www.mgart.com.

Mezzanine Gallery. Linda Ruggieri: On & Off the Beaten Path: Show show featuring multi-layered photo emulsions on aluminum panels. Through June 4. 342 Grant, San Francisco, 394-0500, www.hoteltriton.com.

Modern Eden. John Wentz: Spectra: Solo show of paintings that depict anonymous figures in gas masks, dilapidated structures, and other dystopian images rendered in muted, dreamlike colors. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 4. free. 403 Francisco St., San Francisco, 420-2898, www.moderneden.com.

Multiple San Francisco Locations. Spring Open Studios: Mission District: Participating studios include 1890 Bryant Street Studios, ActivSpace (3150 18th St.), Art Explosion (744 Alabama and 2425 17th St.), Developing Environments (540 Alabama), Live Art Gallery (151 Potrero), Project Artaud (499 Alabama), Studio17/Red Brick Studio (3265 17th St.), and Workspace Limited (2150 Folsom). April 20-21, noon. free. www.missionartistsunited.org. multiple addresses. San Francisco. N/A.

Patricia Sweetow Gallery. Markus Linnenbrink: Day After Day It Disappears: Solo show of glossy, layered works punctuated by vertical rainbow stripes and eyelike orbs. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 18. 77 Geary, San Francisco, 788-5126, www.patriciasweetowgallery.com.

Paul Thiebaud Gallery. David Fertig: Impressionistic paintings of masted warships and more. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 4. 645 Chestnut, San Francisco, 434-3055, www. paulthiebaudgallery.com.

Queen's Nails Projects. The Modern Monster: Group show investigating the theme of the monstrous — either in cinema or inside oneself — featuring artists Michelle Blade, Anthony Discenza, Valerie Hegarty, Jillian McDonald, and George Pfau. Thursdays-Sundays. Continues through April 20. 3191 Mission, San Francisco, 314-6785, www.queensnailsprojects.com/?cat=6.

Rare Device. Inhae Lee: The Art of My Milk Toof: Adorable photos of anthropomorphic miniature teeth (or is it "teef"?) captured in the midst of various entertaining adventures, as seen on the blog My Milk Toof. Through April 30. free. mymilktoof.com. 600 Divisadero St., San Francisco, 863-3969, www.raredevice.net.

Ratio 3. Magnetic North: Group show featuring Birgir Andrésson, Buck Ellison, Sigurdur Gudmundsson, Roni Horn, Ryan McGinley, Takeshi Murata, Geof Oppenheimer, Mitzi Pederson, and Christopher Williams. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 4. 1447 Stevenson, San Francisco. 821-3371, www.ratio3.org.

RayKo Photo Center. Sixth Annual International Juried Plastic Camera Show: 90-piece group show featuring photos snapped on Holgas, Dianas, and other "crappy" plastic toy cameras. Through April 22. 428 Third St., San Francisco, 495-3773, www.raykophoto.com.

Robert Koch Gallery. Shai Kremer: Concrete Abstract & Notes from the Edges: Photo show including abstract multi-layered photographs of the World Trade Center construction site as well as evocative snapshots taken on the fringes of NYC. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through June 15. 49 Geary, San Francisco, 421-0122, www.kochgallerv.com.

Romer Young Gallery. Erik Scollon: A Moment Lasts Forever Until It's Gone: Solo exhibit of porcelain objects embodying the ephemerality of all things. Thursdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 11. 1240 22nd St., San Francisco, 550-7483, www. romeryounggallery.com.

Ruth's Table. Art Teachers' Art: An invitational art show featuring works from San Francisco Unified School District's art teachers, artists in residence, and arts coordinators. Through May 23. 580 Capp St., San Francisco, 821-4515 ext. 26, www.ruthstable.org.

San Francisco Art Institute. iOye, Miral: Reflective Approaches in Contemporary Latin American Video Art: Group show featuring modern video art from Cuba, Mexico, Argentina, Peru, and Bolivia. Starting April 19. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through June 8. 800 Chestnut, San Francisco, 771-7020, www.sfai.edu.

San Francisco LGBT Community Center. The Queer Ancestors Project: An exhibition of prints by queer artists ages 18-26 and 50+ featuring Kamran Akhavan, Amman Desai, Preston Grant, Alan Guttirez, S. Renée Jones, Anna Robinson, and Eddie Valentine. Mondays-Saturdays. Continues through May 20. free. 1800 Market, San Francisco, 865-5555, www.sfcenter.org.

Shooting Gallery. Mary Iverson: Tangle: Perspective lines entwine and collide in this solo show combining paint with collage. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 4. free. Hard Time Mini Mall: Group show curated by New Orleans' Red Truck Gallery. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 4. free. 886 Geary St., San Francisco. 931-1500. www.shootinggallerysf.com.

Stephen Wirtz Gallery. Mark Steinmetz: Photographs: A collection of subtly unsettling black-and-white portraits, candids, and landscapes. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through April 27. 49 Geary, San Francisco, 433-6879, www.wirtzgallery.com.

Varnish Fine Art. DECADE-1:10-year-anniversary group show featuring paintings, sculpture, photo illustrations, animated collage, and screenprints by Jennybird Alcantara, Robert Bowen, Victor Castillo, Chris Mars, Christian Rex Van Minnen, Lee Harvey Roswell, Isabel Samaras, Ron Garrigues, Brian Goggin, Jessica Joslin, Lucien Shapiro, Ransom & Mitchell, Rob Reger, and Chuck Sperry. Starting April 20. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 18. free. 16 Jessie St., San Francisco, 433-4400, www.varnishfineart.com.

Velcro Gallery. Matthew Bailey Seigel: Rocks, Waves, and Clouds: Scroll paintings featuring bright splashes of acrylic color. Every other Saturday. Continues through May 18. 540 4th St., San Francisco. 593-7755.

White Walls Gallery. Mark Warren Jacques: Small in a Big Way: 20 new works sized 9"x12" and smaller, many featuring two-dimensional geometrical forms rendered in bright and/or primary colors. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 4. free. Skewille: Amusement: The twin brothers from Brooklyn present a carnivalesque array of colorful mixed media works, including a merry-go-round built with vintage Apollo bikes. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Continues through May 4. free. 886 Geary St., San Francisco, 931-1500, www.whitewallssf.com.

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Playwright, director, and actor Ian Walker doesn't make theater that only makes the audience think. "You go to theater," he says, "and you see something that opens your eyes, but you still need a way to act upon these feelings in a broader or more political level." His The Lullaby Tree, a Second Wind Theatre production co-directed by Misha Wyatt, is geared toward spurring its audience to action as well. The play follows multiple stories and takes place in multiple worlds. Tim (Walker), an idealistic lawyer, and Callie (Evangeline Reilly) are trying to prove the danger of genetically modified organisms, but, Walker says, "You get the sense that [Tim] is more interested in saving [Callie]" than in saving food. Meanwhile, a boy (Samuel Berston) tries to find his mother (Reilly) in "the realm of legend." In between, a patch of corn sprouts up in a formerly drowned town — the term for an abandoned town on which a reservoir is created. Walker, who by day works as an environmental health educator for the government, seeks to "reveal the folly of our efforts to twist the environment into what we think it should be." But he doesn't stop there. "We've peppering our blog and our Twitter with background on GMOs," he says. Second Wind also provides more background at the theater, including, one night, a talk-back with Pamm Larry and others behind the last election's Prop 37.

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Red Hots Burlesque: Dottie Lux has led these weekly shimmy showcases since 2008. Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; Fridays, 7:30 p.m., \$5-\$10, redhotsburlesque.com. El Rio, 3158 Mission, San Francisco, 282-3325, www.elriosf.com.

The Second Annual Shimmy to Sin City: Burlesque Hall of Fame benefit with performances by Andi Stardust, Juicy D. Light, Alotta Boutté, Dottie Lux, Alexa Von Kickinface, Sugar Cane Jane, Kitty Von Quim, Magnolia Black, Nikki Sparx, Barbary Doll, Pearl E. Gates, Ruby Vixen, Sgt. Die Wies, Truly Atomic, Pickles Kintaro, and more. Fri., April 19, 4-9 p.m., \$5-\$10 (free before 7:30 p.m.). El Rio, 3158 Mission, San Francisco, 282-3325, www.elriosf.com.

Swing Madness: Features a daytime vintage sale and dance workshops, followed by Bubbles on Fire burlesque performances (8:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.) plus live music by the Emily Anne Swing Band. Sat., April 20, 10 a.m., \$10+, bubblesonfire.com. Hotel Whitcomb, 1231 Market, San Francisco, 626-8000, www.hotelwhitcomb.com.

Uptown Hubba Hubba: Weekly burlesques & lascivious laffs from the Hubba Hubba Revue crew. Mondays, 9 p.m., \$5, hubbahubbarevue. com. Uptown Nightclub, 1928 Telegraph, Oakland, 510-451-8100, www.uptownnightclub.com.

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Daytime Realness: Daytime drag with performances by Sue Casa, U-Phoria, Anjie Myma, and Sugah Betes, plus music by guest DJ (and SF Weekly nightlife columnist) Derek Opperman. Sun., April 21, 3 p.m., \$6-\$8. El Rio, 3158 Mission, San Francisco, 282-3325,

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Fauxgirls!: After the shuttering of its old Kimo's home, this Polk Gulch drag revue recasts itself as a downtown supperclub cabaret. Third Thursday of every month, 7 p.m., free (with \$20 minimum food/ cocktail purchase), fauxgirls.com. Infusion Lounge, 124 Ellis, San Francisco, 421-8700, www.infusionlounge.com.

Meow Mix: A weekly cabaret show hosted by Ferosha Titties, with rotating co-hosts and DJs. Tuesdays, 11 p.m., \$3-\$5. The Stud, 399 Ninth St., San Francisco, 863-6623, www.studsf.com.

The Monster Show: Thematic weekly drag performances with Cookie Dough, DJ MC2, and guests. Thursdays, 10 p.m., cookievision.com. The Edge, 4149 18th St., San Francisco, 863-4027, www.edgesf.com.

Sex and the City: Live!: A drag rendition of the HBO series Sex and the City. Wednesdays, 7 & 9 p.m., \$20-\$25, trannyshack.com, 1772 Market Street, 1772 Market St., San Francisco, 371-9705, https:// www.facebook.com/1760MarketStreet.

Soberlicious Soberfest: 30 Years of Recovery: Sister Roma hosts this fundraiser and celebration in honor of the Castro Country Club's 30th anniversary. Entertainment includes live music, drag performances, and the 2013 Miss Castro Country Club Pageant. Sun., April 21, noon, \$15-\$35. Eureka Valley Recreation Center, 100 Collingwood, San Francisco, 831-6810, www.sfgov.org.

Some Thing: Art drag night with craft table. Fridays, \$5. The Stud, 399 Ninth St., San Francisco, 863-6623, www.studsf.com.

Sunday's a Drag: Brunch & drag revue with Donna Sachet. Sundays, 11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., \$39.95. Harry Denton's Starlight Room, 450 Powell, San Francisco, 395-8595, www.harrydenton.com.

Talent Tuesdays: Tuesdays, midnight. Divas, 1081 Post, San Francisco, 474-3482, www.divassf.com.

Tinsel Tarts in a Hot Coma: The Next Cockettes Musical: Revival of the 1971 drag musical extravaganza, Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Continues through June 1, \$30-\$35. The Hypnodrome, 575 10th St., San Francisco, 377-4202, www.thrillpeddlers.com.

COMEDY

Ask Dr. Hal: The wise and mind-blowing Dr. Howland Owll answers any and all questions pertaining to the Great Mysteries of Life (except for anything to do with Greater Tuna). Sat., April 20, 10 p.m., free. Dark Room Theater, 2263 Mission, San Francisco, 401-7987, www.darkroomsf.com.

Bad Movie Night: The Angry Red Planet: Sherilyn Connelly, Mikl-Em, and Tristan Buckner go back in time to mock Martians in the 1959 low-budget creature feature The Angry Red Planet. Sun., April 21, 8 p.m., \$6.99. Dark Room Theater, 2263 Mission, San Francisco, 401-7987, www.darkroomsf.com.

Big City Improv: Actors take audience suggestions and create comedy from nothing. Fridays, 10 p.m., \$20, bigcityimprov.com. Shelton Theater, 533 Sutter, San Francisco, 433-3040, www. sheltontheater.com.

The Business: A Comedy Show: Sketch and stand-up comedy. Wednesdays, 8 p.m., \$5, Dark Room Theater, 2263 Mission, San Francisco, 401-7987, www.darkroomsf.com.

Champagne Brunch and Comedy with Mahatma Moses: Ease your way into the weekend with an Indian food brunch, some boozy bubbles, and comedians Samson Koletkar, Yayne Abeba, and Natasha Muse, Sat., April 20, 12:30 p.m., \$45, mahatma-moses. com. New Dehli Restaurant, 160 Ellis St., San Francisco, 397-8470, www.newdelhirestaurant.com.

Cobb's Comedy Showcase: Thu., April 18, 8 p.m., \$12.50. Cobb's Comedy Club, 915 Columbus, San Francisco, 928-4320, www. cobbscomedy.com.

Comedy Blast: Stand-up comedy showcase with Danny Dechi and guests. Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., free, dannydechi.com. Neck of the Woods, 406 Clement St., San Francisco, 387-6343, www.

Comedy Night: Open mic hosted by Tony Sparks. Thursdays, 7 p.m., free, BrainWash Cafe & Laundromat, 1122 Folsom, San Francisco. 861-3663, www.brainwash.com.

Comikaze Lounge: Comedy showcase featuring Maureen Langan, Kimberly Rose Wendt, Iris Benson, Cameron Vannini, Ryan Cronin, Samson Koletkar, Joey Divine, and Karinda Dobbins. Wed., April 17, 8 p.m., free, comikazelounge.com. Cafe Royale, 800 Post, San Francisco, 441-4099, www.caferoyale-sf.com.

Countdown to 4/20 with Doug Benson: Chronic comedy. Fri.. April 19, 10:30 p.m., \$25, Cobb's Comedy Club, 915 Columbus, San Francisco, 928-4320, www.cobbscomedy.com.

The Cynic Cave: Local comedy showcase every Saturday night (and some other days, too). Hosted by George Chen. Saturdays, 8 p.m., cyniccave.com, Lost Weekend Video, 1034 Valencia St., San Francisco, 643-3373, www.lostweekendvideo.com

Doug Benson: Comedian Doug Benson, known for his The Marijuana-Logues and the 2007 documentary Super High Me, is coming to record his sixth comedy album in SF. Sat., April 20, 7:45 & 10 p.m., \$25. Cobb's Comedy Club, 915 Columbus, San Francisco, 928-4320, www.cobbscomedy.com.

Doug Loves Movies Podcast Taping: Comedian Doug Benson makes a live recording of his cinema-centric podcast. Fri., April 19, 8 p.m., \$25. Cobb's Comedy Club, 915 Columbus, San Francisco, 928-4320, www.cobbscomedv.com.

Dueling Pianos at Johnny Foley's: Merry musical sing-alongs. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 9 p.m., free, duelingpianosatfoleys. com. Johnny Foley's Irish House, 243 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, 954-0777, www.iohnnvfolevs.com.

SAT 4/20

▼ DANCE

LOVE STORY

Before there was the love letter, there was dance. Courtship, mating rituals, and dance have gone together for as long as they've existed. But few dances can personify this history better than the Argentine tango: The suits, the heels, the steady connection of two dancers with their legs entwining to the 2/4 rhythms of the orchestral music; it all creates a contagious visual seduction. And Argentine tango has no greater icon than Mora Godoy. She created the first tango-inspired musical, Tanguera, danced for the Rolling Stones,

and showed how sexy a dancer could be on the cover of Playboy. Godov will remain fully - yet fancifully - clothed tonight when she dances in Enamorados del Tango Lovers. Hailed as "a Tango Show at the highest level," by Banda Oriental, Tango Lovers is directed by tango world champion Marcos Ayala. It features six couples, live vocals, and a full band with Grammy winner Federico Britos on the violin. As sexy as the show might be, it's also about passion, history and storytelling so if you're writing a love letter to the cast,

Enamorados del Tango Lovers starts at 4 and 8 p.m. at the Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St., S.F. Admission is \$56-\$85; call (305) 300-2600 or visit tangolovers.com. DEVIN HOLT



OF SAN FRANCISCO 2013

BIG TOP BY THE BAY

feel as much like a circus as the energy, the momentum, the lights; is where people run away to. every good city has these. San Francisco, though, embodies the chaos and unruliness and filth of a circus, amid all the spectacle and carnality and body paint of a cirque.

There is, too, a sense of transience – the city constantly changing its games and attractions. Transient too because of the people moving through it. What's exciting about a circus - that it appears in a blast of train cars and activity and rises in some field before disappearing into

mong major world cities, few the night - that's what's exciting about San Francisco. It's a city that seems always San Francisco. It goes beyond at play. And, like the circus, San Francisco

> So as we begin to unpack our trunks and find the whips and unicycles and rings of fire in preparation for our Best Of San Francisco issue, we're asking you to tell us which parts of the city you like best. What's your favorite part of the midway? Where is your favorite sideshow? Vote for your favorites in our readers' poll. The deadline is May 8.

> On May 29, the big top goes up and we'll reveal Best Of San Francisco 2013. Run away and join us.

VOTE NOW!

PEOPLE & PLACES

Best Change Since 2012: Best Drag Queen: **Best Event Producers:** Best Local Legend: Best Movie Theater: Best Neighborhood: **Best People Watching:** Best Person to Follow on Twitter: Best Place to Hear Random Screaming at 3 a.m.: Best Place to Take Visitors: Best Street Performer:

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Best of Readers' Poll/SF Weekly 225 Bush St., 17th Floor San Francisco, CA 94104

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Best Wine Bar:

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The Eric Show: Hosted by Eric Barry. Tuesdays, 8 p.m., \$5, facebook. com/EricBarryComedy. Milk Bar, 1840 Haight, San Francisco, 387-6455. www.milksf.com.

Ghostbusters: Live!: Listen! Do you smell something? It's the aroma of entertainment, as actors Tim Kay, Thomas Apley, Adam Curry, Shawn Miller, Becky Hirschfeld, Adam Vogel, Alexia Staniotes, Scott McNeil, and Christina Shonkwiler battle paranormal ghosts (OK, puppets) in this onstage re-enactment of the hit 1980s comedy movie. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Continues through April 27, \$15-\$20, darkroomsf.com/ghostbusters. Dark Room Theater, 2263 Mission, San Francisco, 401-7987, www.darkroomsf.com.

Good Times in the Grotto: Enjoy free admission, free snacks, and free beer with host Anthony Medina and guests. Sat., April 20, 5:15 p.m.; Fri., May 10, 6:15 p.m.; Sat., May 18, 5:15 p.m., free, truehustleentertainment.com. The Sports Basement, 1590 Bryant St., San Francisco, 575-3000, www.sportsbasement.com/ SS web bryant.asp.

Harvey's Funny Tuesdays: Hosted by Ronn Vigh. Tuesdays, 9 p.m., free. Harvey's, 500 Castro, San Francisco, 431-4278, www. harveyssf.com.

The Layover Comedy Night: Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m., free. The Layover, 1517 Franklin, Oakland, 510-834-1517, www.oaklandlayover.com.

The Mission Position: Weekly stand-up comedy showcase. Thursdays, 8 p.m., \$10, mission position live.com. Lost Weekend Video, 1034 Valencia St., San Francisco, 643-3373, www.lostweekendvideo.com.

Neighborhood Watchmen: S.F. comedians Dash Kwiatkowski and David Studebaker kick off a promotional tour for their new web series. Tue., April 23, 8 p.m., \$15. Punch Line, 444 Battery, San Francisco, 397-7573, www.punchlinecomedyclub.com.

Mark Pitta & Friends: Tuesdays, 8 p.m., \$15-\$25. 142 Throckmorton Theatre, 142 Throckmorton, Mill Valley, 383-9600, www.142throckmortontheatre.com.

Pundits with Punchlines 2013: East Indian stand-up showcase with Tapan Trivedi, Kabir "Kabeezy" Singh, Samson Koletkar, and Shanti Charan. Sun., April 21, 7:30 p.m., \$15. Cobb's Comedy Club, 915 Columbus, San Francisco, 928-4320, www.cobbscomedy.com.

Put Your Hands Together: Cameron Esposito hosts this rare S.F. edition of the weekly Los Angeles comedy podcast. Thu., April 18, 10 p.m., \$10. Dark Room Theater, 2263 Mission, San Francisco, 401-7987, www.darkroomsf.com.

Secret Improv Society: Underground improvisational theater. Saturdays, 10 p.m., \$15. Shelton Theater, 533 Sutter, San Francisco, 433-3040. www.sheltontheater.com.

S.F. Comedy Showcase: Weekly roundup of local laughmakers. Sundays, 8 p.m., \$12.50. Punch Line, 444 Battery, San Francisco, 397-7573, www.punchlinecomedyclub.com.

Spring Fever: A Night of Music, Live Radio, Comedy, and Literature: Comedian Sean Keane, artist Wendy MacNaughton, author Caroline Paul, KOED science proselytizers Lauren Sommer and Amy Standen, New York Times contributor Chris Colin, Oakland electropop duo James & Evander, and others combine for a night of intriguing entertainment. Fri., April 19, 7 p.m., free with RSVP, therumpus.net. Verdi Club, 2424 Mariposa, San Francisco, 861-5048. www.verdiclub.net.

Stand-Up Comedy Showcase: With Danny Dechi and guests. Third Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m., free, www.dannydechi.com. Bazaar Cafe, 5927 California, San Francisco, 831-5620, www. bazaarcafe.com.

Theatresports Spring Tournament: Fort Mason's BATS Mainstage Company members compete in a tourney of improvised short-form theater/comedy prompted by audience interaction. Fridays, 8 p.m. Continues through May 24, \$17-\$20, improv.org. Bayfront Theater, 16 Marina, San Francisco, 474-6776.

Will Durst: The local comedy legend lets fly with his trademark wry political humor. April 17-18, 8 p.m.; April 19-20, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., \$16-\$22. Punch Line, 444 Battery, San Francisco, 397-7573, www.punchlinecomedyclub.com.

Will Durst: Boomer Aging: From LSD to OMG: The political humorist sets his incisive sights upon the Baby Boomer generation (i.e., his

own) in this one-manshow. Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Continues through May 28, \$15-\$50. The Marsh Theater, 1062 Valencia St., San Francisco, 826-5750, www.themarsh.org.

CONFERENCES & CONVENTIONS

27th Annual International Ms. Leather: S&M conference for women featuring vendors, play spaces, workshops, auctions, parties, and contests (including the International Ms. Leather Contest and International Ms. Bootblack Contest). April 18-21, \$30-\$199, imsl.org. Holiday Inn, 1500 Van Ness, San Francisco, 643-5121.

Black Health and Healing Summit: Alive, Aware, and Taking Action: Sat., April 20, 8:30 a.m., free. San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Ave.. San Francisco. 338-1111. www.sfsu.edu.

Psychedelic Science 2013: Conference discussing recent research into such substances as LSD, psilocybin, MDMA, ayahuasca, and ibogaine. Workshops, film screenings, and other events round out the schedule before and after the daily panels. April 18-23, psychedelicscience.org. Oakland Marriott City Center, 1001 Broadway, Oakland, 510-451-4000, www.marriott.com/default.mi.

DANCE - PERFORMANCES

Alonzo King LINES Ballet: LINES' spring season begins with a collaboration between the acclaimed San Francisco ballet troupe and double bassist Edgar Meyer. The performance on Saturday, April 20, is part of LINES' 30th Anniversary Gala (tickets sold separately). April 19-21; April 24-28, \$30-\$65, linesballet.org. Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 701 Mission, San Francisco, 978-2787, www.ybca.org.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater: The famed New York City ensemble presents four different programs over the course of six days and nights. April 23-26, 8 p.m.; Sat., April 27, 2 & 8 p.m.; Sun., April 28, 3 p.m., \$30+, calperfs.berkeley.edu. UC Berkeley, Zellerbach Hall, 2430 Bancroft, Berkeley, 510-642-9988, www. calperfs.berkeley.edu.

Carolina Lugo & Carolé Acuña's Ballet Flamenco: The mother/daughter dance duo performs with live flamenco musicians. Tickets available as a dinner-and-show combination or for the performance only. Sun., April 21, 6 p.m.; Sun., April 28, 6 p.m.; Sat., May 4, 6 p.m.; Sun., May 12, 3 & 6 p.m.; Sat., May 18, 6:15 p.m., \$15-\$49.95, 646-0018, caroleacuna.com. Pachamama Restaurant, 1630 Powell, San Francisco, www.pachamamacenter.org.

Bianca Brzezinski, Daria Kaufman, and Richard Warp: Crosscurrent: A program of cross-disciplinary dance and music collaborations. April 19-20, 8 p.m., \$15. The Garage, 715 Bryant St., San Francisco, 885-4006, www.715bryant.org.

David Herrera Performance Company: The Stranger (Part 1):
An investigation into what it means to be an outsider through movement, theater, video, and music. Starting April 19, Fridays, Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 7 p.m. Continues through April 28, \$18-\$23, dhperformance.org. Dance Mission Theater, 3316 24th St., San Francisco, 273-4633, www.dancemission.com.

Flamenco del Oro: Fri., April 19, 8 p.m., \$10 suggested donation. The Emerald Tablet, 80 Fresno St., San Francisco, 500-2323, www.emtab.org.

Ninth Annual CubaCaribe Dance Festival: Week Two – El Maestro: Second week (of a three-week fest) featuring Teatro de la Danza del Caribe with Danis "La Mora" Perez. Fri., April 19, 7 p.m., \$30-\$35, cubacaribe.org. Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 701 Mission, San Francisco, 978-2787, www.ybca.org.

The Rumi Concert: Lion of the Heart: Featuring Rumi translator Coleman Barks, cellist David Darling, percussionist Glen Velez, and dancer/storyteller Zuleikha. Sat., April 20, 8 p.m., \$25-\$75, ciis.edu. Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness, San Francisco, 392-4400, www.sfwmpac.org/herbst/ht index.html.

S.F. Ballet: Program 7: Features Helgi Tomasson's Criss-Cross, Yuri Possokhov's Francesca da Rimini, and George Balanchine's Symphony in Three Movements. Wed., April 17, 7:30 p.m.; Fri., April 19, 8 p.m.; Sun., April 21, 2 p.m., \$20-\$295, sfballet.org. War Memorial Opera House. 301 Van Ness. San Francisco. 864-3330, www.sfwmpac.org.

S.F. Ballet: Program 6: Features Rudolf Nureyev's Raymonda Act III, Val Caniparoli's Ibsen's House, and Edward Liang's Symphonic Dances. Thu., April 18, 8 p.m.; Sat., April 20, 2 & 8 p.m., \$20-\$295, sfballet.org. War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness, San Francisco. 864-3330. www.sfwmpac.org.

Sheetal Gandhi: Bahu-Beti-Biwi: A theatrical solo performance fusing North Indian musical traditions and modern dance by the former Cirque du Soleil member. Fri., April 19, 8 p.m.; Sat., April 20, 8 p.m.; Sun., April 21, 7 p.m., \$20-\$30. ODC Theater, 315317th St. San Francisco. 863-6606. www.odctheater.org.

Sonic Body Series: Choreographer Christine Bonansea curates this three-night series of improvisatory collaborations between dancers and experimental musicians. Events take place at The Lab, Kunst-Stoff Arts, and the S.F. Center for New Music, respectively. Fri., April 19, 8:30 p.m.; Sat., April 20, 8:30 p.m.; Wed., April 24, 7:30 p.m., christinebonansea.com. Multiple San Francisco Locations, multiple addresses, San Francisco, N/A.

FESTIVALS

Annual Epidemic Film Festival: A showcase of student work from the School of Motion Pictures & Television. Thu., April 18, 4 p.m. The Castro Theatre, 429 Castro, San Francisco, 621-6120, www. castrotheatre.com.

Earth Day S.F.: Featuring live music by Albinol, Earth Amplified, Poor Man's Whiskey, Haunted by Heroes, DJ Dragonfly, Classical Revolution, and others, plus speakers, workshops, eco-friendly demonstrations, food, and more. Sat., April 20, 10 a.m., free, www. earthdaysf.org. Civic Center Plaza, Larkin, San Francisco, N/A.

Fifth Annual Goat Festival: A "celebration of all things goat" with food samples, cooking demos, and kids for the kids (i.e., baby goats for the children). Sat., April 20, 10 a.m., free, www.cuesa. org/events/2013/goat-festival. Ferry Plaza Farmers Market, Pier 11/2 Ste 50, San Francisco, 291-3276, www.cuesa.org.

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Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival: Tea ceremonies, taiko ensembles, martial arts demonstrations, sumi-e painting, an anime fashion show, and many more embodiments of Japanese culture take over the street for two weekends in this free annual celebration. Saturdays, Sundays, 11 a.m. Continues through April 21, free, sfcherryblossom.org. Japantown, Post, San Francisco, 567-4573. www.sfiapantown.org.

Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival Grand Parade: The thundering drums of taiko ensembles herald the coming of this festive march that begins at City Hall, proceeds up Polk to Post, and concludes in Japantown at approximately 3 p.m. Sun., April 21, 1 p.m., free, sfcherryblossom.org. City Hall, 1 Drive Carlton B. Goodlett, San Francisco, 554-5184, www.sfgov.org.

FLEA MARKETS

17th Annual Tristar Bay Area Classic: Huge sports collectibles and trading cards sale featuring scheduled guest appearances/signings by local luminaries such as Joe Montana, Colin Kaepernick, Frank Gore, Matt Cain, Buster Posey, Sergio Romo, Pablo Sandoval, Barry Zito, and many more. Fri., April 19, 3-7 p.m.; Sat., April 20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., April 21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$10-\$12, tristarproductions.com. Cow Palace, 2600 Geneva, Daly City, 404-4111, www.cowpalace.com.

Alemany Flea Market: On Sundays, the farmers' market stalls transform into a clamorous collection of vendors selling antiques, clothing, and all manner of miscellaneous bric-a-brac. Sundays, 6 a.m., free. Alemany Farmers Market. 100 Alemany. San Francisco. 647-9423.

Bay Area Vintage, Antiques, and Collectibles Fair: Features over 650 vendors of vintage & antique clothing, furniture, jewelry, collectibles, and ephemera. Third Sunday of every month, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5-\$10, www.bayareaantiquefair.com. Cow Palace, 2600 Geneva, Daly City, 404-4111, www.cowpalace.com.

FOOD & DRINK

Alemany Farmers' Market: This bustling Saturday produce market has been a city institution for over 75 years. Saturdays, 6 a.m., free. Alemany Farmers Market, 100 Alemany, San Francisco, 647-9423.

Beer Lab: Homebrew & Beyond: A three-class lesson in how to make your own homemade beer (mmmmm... beeeer). Tue., April 23, 7 p.m.; Tue., April 30, 7 p.m.; Tue., May 14, 7 p.m., \$150-\$160, www. brownpapertickets.com/event/353125. 18 Reasons, 3674 18th St., San Francisco, 241-9760, www.l8reasons.org.

Bitter Is Better: Viola Buitoni teaches you how to use brassicas (i.e., bitter leafy vegetables) in your cooking. Mon., April 22, 6:30-9 p.m., \$55-\$65, www.brownpapertickets.com/event/365180.18 Reasons, 3674 18th St.. San Francisco. 241-9760. www.l8reasons.org.

Dinner and a Movie: Weekly screenings in the Bottle Cap dining room. Sundays, 7 p.m. Bottle Cap, 1707 Powell, San Francisco, 529-2237, www.bottlecapsf.com.

Bottomless Mimosa Brunch: Juicy champagne cocktails (and \$5 bloody marys) to soothe your weekend hangover. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nickies, 466 Haight, San Francisco, 255-0300, www.nickies.com.

Brunch with Michael Athans: Sundays, 10 a.m., \$79 (\$45 for kids under 12). Top of the Mark, One Nob Hill, 999 California, San Francisco, 616-6916, www.intercontinentalmarkhopkins.com/top_of_the_mark/.

Champagne Brunch and Comedy with Mahatma Moses: Ease your way into the weekend with an Indian food brunch, some boozy bubbles, and comedians Samson Koletkar, Yayne Abeba, and Natasha Muse. Sat., April 20, 12:30 p.m., \$45, mahatma-moses. com. New Dehli Restaurant, 160 Ellis St., San Francisco, 397-8470, www.newdelhirestaurant.com.

Fauxgirls!: After the shuttering of its old Kimo's home, this Polk Gulch drag revue recasts itself as a downtown supperclub cabaret. Third Thursday of every month, 7 p.m., free (with \$20 minimum food/cocktail purchase), fauxgirls.com. Infusion Lounge, 124 Ellis, San Francisco, 421-8700, www.infusionlounge.com.

Ferry Plaza Saturday Farmers' Market: For sale are fresh fruits and vegetables as well as honey, bread, cheese, and other goods from local growers and producers. Saturdays, 10 a.m., free, www.cuesa. org. Ferry Building, 1 Ferry Building, San Francisco, 983-8000, www.ferrybuildingmarketplace.com.

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Godzuki Happy Hour: Sushi and booze for all my friends! Wednesdays, 5-8 p.m., free. The Knockout, 3223 Mission, San Francisco, 550-6994, www.theknockoutsf.com.

Half-Shell Happy Hour: Free oysters (while they last, which ain't long) every Friday evening. Fridays, 5:30 p.m. El Rio, 3158 Mission, San Francisco, 282-3325, www.elriosf.com.

Heart of the City Farmers' Market: Thrice-weekly market featuring fruits, vegetables, nuts, eggs, and other forms of sustenance from local growers. Wednesdays, 7 a.m.; Fridays, 7 a.m., Sundays, 7 a.m., free, www.hocfarmersmarket.org. United Nations Plaza, Market, San Francisco. 674-9701.





Meals on Wheels 26th Annual Star Chefs & Vintners Gala: Dozens of Northern California restaurants and wineries unite to raise funds for Meals on Wheels in San Francisco. Event includes

an hors d'oeuvre and wine reception, three-course dinner, and dessert reception, plus both live and silent auctions. For tickets, call (415) 343-1283. Sun., April 21, 5-11 p.m., (415) 343-1283, mowsf. org/gala. Fort Mason, Festival Pavilion, Marina, San Francisco, www.fortmason.org.

Off the Grid: A rotating collection of food cart vendors circle their wagons at this weekly event also featuring beer, wine, and live music, Fridays, 5-10 p.m., otgfmc.com, Fort Mason, 38 Fort Mason, San Francisco, 345-7500, www.fortmason.org.

Queer Youth Meal Night: Free meals and movies in a safe environment for trans/queer/ally friends. Tuesdays, 5 p.m., free. San Francisco LGBT Community Center, 1800 Market, San Francisco, 865-5555, www.sfcenter.org

Sunday's a Drag: Brunch & drag revue with Donna Sachet. Sundays, 11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., \$39.95. Harry Denton's Starlight Room, 450 Powell, San Francisco, 395-8595, www.harrydenton.com.

Taste 2013: A night of cocktails and cuisine provided by Alicia's. Asiento, Bar Crudo, Batter Bakery, Beretta, Dosa, La Boulange, La Cocina, Madrone Art Bar, Mosto, Pig & Pie, and more. Proceeds benefit Root Division's free after-school art classes for Bay Area vouth, Thu., April 18, 7:30 p.m., \$75-\$125, rootdivision.org/ Taste2013.html. Root Division, 3175 17th St., San Francisco, 863-7668, www.rootdivision.org.

Yvette van Boven: Meet-and-greet with the author of the recipe books Home Made, Home Made Winter, and Home Made Summer. Sun., April 21, 1 p.m., free. Book Passage, 1 Ferry Building Ste. 42, San Francisco, 835-1020, www.bookpassage.com.

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Best-selling gross-out science writer Mary Roach, whose popular nonfiction books Spook and Stiff covered ideas about the afterlife and the physical process of postmortem decay, has a new book out. In Gulp: Adventures on the Alimentary Canal, the Oakland-based author covers the digestive process from saliva to anus. Inspired by a conversation with a gastroenterologist, Roach set out to discover all she could from experts on subjects like food and flatulence. Did you know that it's a myth that our mouths water when we smell food cooking? And there are actually two sets of nostrils hu-

mans smell through - exhale through your nose while you're chewing or drinking, and the scent will travel through the back of your mouth to the top of your nasal cavity, as opposed to the usual method of smelling straight through the nose. Check out some highlights from her recent appearance on The Daily Show, and catch her in person at one of her two S.F. talks.

Mary Roach appears at 7 p.m. at the California Academy of Science, 55 Concourse Drive, S.F. Tickets are \$10-\$12. Call (877) 227-1831 or visit calacademy.org/ events. She also appears Wednesday, April 24, in conversation with Wired editor Adam Rogers at 6:30 p.m. at the Commonwealth Club, 595 Market St., S.F. General tickets are \$12-\$20. Call 597-6700 or visit commonwealthclub.org/events. **EMILIE MUTERT**

LGBT EVENTS

27th Annual International Ms. Leather: S&M conference for women featuring vendors, play spaces, workshops, auctions, parties, and contests (including the International Ms. Leather Contest and International Ms. Bootblack Contest), April 18-21. \$30-\$199, imsl.org, Holiday Inn. 1500 Van Ness, San Francisco. 643-5121

Periwinkle Cinema: April Showers Bring Gay Powers: The community-run queer film series describes this month's entry as a "magical collection of queer shorts exploring the spriritual, heroic, and often times overlooked super powers that are harbored in queer identities and sexualities." Wed., April 17, 8 p.m., \$7, facebook. com/PeriwinkleCinema. Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia, San Francisco, 824-3890, www.atasite.org.

Blur: Transgender & Gender-Variant Support Group: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Dimensions Clinic, 3850 17th St., San Francisco, 934-7789, www.dimensionsclinic.org.

The Bus: Two gay teenagers share a secret love in a small town with a big religious presence. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. Continues through April 28, www.nctcsf.org/press_room/ the_bus.htm. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness, San Francisco, 861-8972, www.nctcsf.org.

The Adventures of Priscilla. Queen of the Desert and Hedwig and the Angry Inch: Before they were Agent Smith and that guy in Memento (what was his name again? We forgot). Hugo Weaving and Guy Pearce played Aussie drag gueens who set off across the desert in a fabulous tour bus named Priscilla, Flambovant hilarity ensues. A wee bit of Hedwig, John Cameron Mitchell's transsexual rock opera, fills in the middle of this three-screening double feature. Sat., April 20, 5, 7:10 & 9 p.m. The Castro Theatre, 429 Castro, San Francisco, 621-6120, www.castrotheatre.com.

B. Ruby Rich: The film writer discusses her non-fiction book, New Queer Cinema: The Director's Cut. Thu., April 18, 7 p.m., free. City Lights Books, 261 Columbus, San Francisco, 362-8193, www.

Cocktailgate: Hosted by Suppositori Spelling. Sundays, 9 p.m. Truck, 1900 Folsom, San Francisco, 252-0306, www.trucksf.com. Christy Cruse: Sundays, 9 p.m., free. Aunt Charlie's Lounge, 133 Turk, San Francisco, 441-2922, www.auntcharlieslounge.com.

Daytime Realness: Daytime drag with performances by Sue Casa, U-Phoria, Anjie Myma, and Sugah Betes, plus music by guest DJ (and SF Weekly nightlife columnist) Derek Opperman. Sun., April 21, 3 p.m., \$6-\$8. El Rio, 3158 Mission, San Francisco, 282-3325, www.elriosf.com

Diva Darlings: Thursdays, 10:30 p.m. Divas, 1081 Post, San Francisco, 474-3482, www.divassf.com.

Drink and Be Mary: Gay boys (and friends) enjoy two-for-one drinks every day until 9 p.m. Daily, Q Bar, 456 Castro, San Francisco. 864-2877, www.gbarsf.com.

Fauxgirls!: After the shuttering of its old Kimo's home, this Polk Gulch drag revue recasts itself as a downtown supperclub cabaret. Third Thursday of every month, 7 p.m., free (with \$20 minimum food/ cocktail purchase), fauxgirls.com. Infusion Lounge, 124 Ellis, San Francisco, 421-8700, www.infusionlounge.com.

Felice Picano: The Violet Quill Club founding member and gay literary icon shares 20th Century Un-Limited, a double-shot of short novels. Local author Ron Williams also reads from his book, San Francisco's Native Sissy Son: A Coming Out Memoir. Sun., April 21, 5 p.m., free. Books Inc./Castro, 2275 Market, San Francisco, 864-6777, www.booksinc.net.

Gay Men's Sketch: Drop-in life drawing. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Mark I. Chester Studio, 1229 Folsom, San Francisco, 621-6294, www. markichester.com.

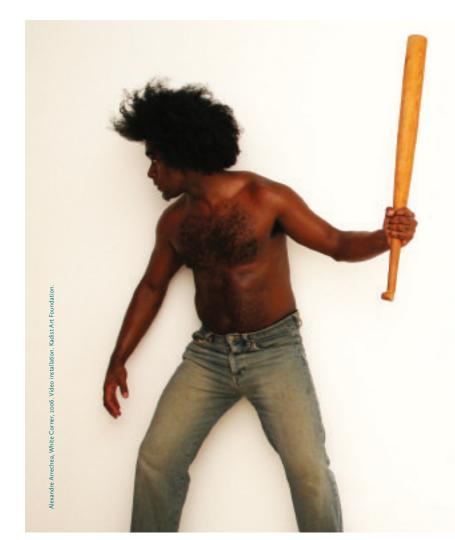
Legendary: African American GLBT Past Meets Present: New multimedia exhibit in the Corner Gallery showcasing the dynamic and diverse history of Bay Area African American gay, lesbian. bisexual, and transgender lives from the 1970s to today. Mondays, Wednesdays-Sundays, Continues through April 30, GLBT History Museum, 4127 18th St., San Francisco, 621-1107, www. albthistorymuseum.ora

Global Health and Human Rights of Gay Men: A Panel Discussion: LGBT activists from Russia, Zimbabwe, Mexico, India, and Jamaica address topics concerning gay men globally, including police violence, criminalization, substance use, community building, and HIV/AIDS. Presented by the Global Forum on MSM & HIV. Wed., April 17, 7 p.m., free, msmgf.org. San Francisco LGBT Community Center, 1800 Market, San Francisco, 865-5555, www.sfcenter.org.

Hedwig and the Angry Inch: The comical and rocking LGBT musical favorite. Wednesdays-Saturdays, \$15-\$39. Boxcar Playhouse, 505 Natoma, San Francisco, 776-1747, www.boxcartheatre.org.

Honey: Community building group celebrating LBTQQ young women. Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m., free. LYRIC, 123-127 Collingwood, San Francisco, 703-6150, www.lyric.org.

Hunky Jesus: The Second Coming: Due to an ironic Act of God (i.e., rain) on Easter Sunday, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence moved their annual Hunky Jesus contest from Dolores Park to the DNA Lounge tonight. Fri., April 19, \$8-\$20, thesisters.org. DNA Lounge, 375 11th St., San Francisco, 626-1409, www.dnalounge.com.



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Pm Not OK, Cupid: (: A collection of original, comedic, one-act LGBT plays written by Andy Black, Alex Dremann, Rodney "Rhoda" Taylor, James A. Martin, Rich Orloff, and Joseph Frank. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Continues through May 4, \$15-\$25. leftcoasttheatreco.org. Shelton Theater, 533 Sutter, San Francisco, 433-3040, www.sheltontheater.com.

Jeff Chu: Are you confused because you grew up gay and Christian? Don't worry — so was Jeff Chu — and he even wrote a book about it. Does Jesus Really Love Me?: A Gay Christian's Pilgrimage in Search of God in America, from which he'll read tonight. Thu., April 18. 7:30 p.m., free, Books Inc./Castro, 2275 Market, San Francisco, 864-6777, www.booksinc.net.

Laura Antoniou: The S&M fiction writer shares her latest thriller. The Killer Wore Leather, a fetish mystery. Mon., April 22, 7:30 p.m., free. Books Inc./Castro, 2275 Market, San Francisco, 864-6777, www.booksinc.net.

M.E.E.T.: Community building group celebrating GBTQQ young men. Fridays, 4-6 p.m., free. LYRIC, 123-127 Collingwood, San Francisco, 703-6150, www.lyric.org.

Meow Mix: A weekly cabaret show hosted by Ferosha Titties, with rotating co-hosts and DJs. Tuesdays, 11 p.m., \$3-\$5. The Stud, 399 Ninth St., San Francisco, 863-6623, www.studsf.com.

Out of the Boxes: Historical Society Opens Archives of Pioneering Historian Allan Bérubé: Bérubé was one of the pioneers in the field of community-based gay history that emerged in the 1970s and early 1980s. The GLBT Historical Society has opened his papers for use by researchers. Daily. GLBT Historical Society, 657 Mission, San Francisco, 777-5455, www.qlbthistorv.org.

Queer Youth Meal Night: Free meals and movies in a safe environment for trans/queer/ally friends, Tuesdays, 5 p.m., free, San Francisco LGBT Community Center, 1800 Market, San Francisco, 865-5555, www.sfcenter.org.

Sake Bomb Wednesdays: Young ladies can get "bombed" during this weekly happy hour at San Francisco's only full-time lesbian bar. Fridays, 5-9 p.m., free. Lexington Club, 3464 19th St., San Francisco, 863-2052, www.lexingtonclub.com.

San Francisco Bisexual Discussion Group: A mixed-gender, peer-led support group for bisexuals. Third Friday of every month, \$3-\$5. San Francisco LGBT Community Center, 1800 Market, San Francisco, 865-5555, www.sfcenter.org.

The Queer Ancestors Project: An exhibition of prints by queer artists ages 18-26 and 50+ featuring Kamran Akhavan, Amman Desai, Preston Grant, Alan Guttirez, S. Renée Jones, Anna Robinson, and Eddie Valentine. Mondays-Saturdays. Continues through May 20, free. San Francisco LGBT Community Center, 1800 Market, San Francisco, 865-5555, www.sfcenter.org.

S.F. FrontRunners' Run: Each week a gay-friendly group of runners meets for a 3-to-5-mile jog from the Embarcadero to Aquatic Park. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., www.sffrontrunners.org, Ferry Building, 1 Ferry Building, San Francisco, 983-8000, www.ferrybuildingmarketplace.com.

Smack Dab: Queer-friendly open mic. Third Wednesday of every month, 7:30 p.m., free, Magnet, 4122 18th St., San Francisco. 581-1600, www.magnetsf.org.

Soberlicious Soberfest: 30 Years of Recovery: Sister Roma hosts this fundraiser and celebration in honor of the Castro Country Club's 30th anniversary. Entertainment includes live music, drag performances, and the 2013 Miss Castro Country Club Pageant. Sun., April 21, noon, \$15-\$35. Eureka Valley Recreation Center, 100 Collingwood, San Francisco, 831-6810, www.sfgov.org.

SOMA Country: A new LGBT country-western dance night by the people from Sundance Saloon. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., \$6, sundancesaloon.org. BeatBox, 314 11th St., San Francisco, 500-2675, www.beatboxsf.com.

Sundance Saloon: Gay-friendly country dancing. Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m., \$5, sundancesaloon.org. Space 550, 550 Barneveld, San Francisco, 550-8286, www.space550.com.

Sunday Open Gyms: The San Francisco Gay Basketball Association. Sundays, \$5, www.sfgba.com. Eureka Valley Recreation Center, 100 Collingwood, San Francisco, 831-6810, www.sfgov.org.

Tinsel Tarts in a Hot Coma: The Next Cockettes Musical: Revival of the 1971 drag musical extravaganza. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Continues through June 1, \$30-\$35. The Hypnodrome, 575 10th St., San Francisco, 377-4202, www.thrillpeddlers.com.

Transmagic: Community building group celebrating trans/gendervariant youth. Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m., free. LYRIC, 123-127 Collingwood, San Francisco, 703-6150, www.lyric.org.

LITERARY EVENTS

Best of Young British Novelists: Granta announces the fourth in its Best of Young British Novelists series. Editor John Freeman presents the new issue and converses with two of its writers. Mon., April 22, 7 p.m., Free. Book Club of California, 312 Sutter Ste. 510, San Francisco, 781-7532, www.bccbooks.org.

B. Ruby Rich: The film writer discusses her non-fiction book, New Queer Cinema: The Director's Cut. Thu., April 18, 7 p.m., free. City Lights Books, 261 Columbus, San Francisco, 362-8193, www. citylights.com.

Círculo de Lectores de Literatura en Español: Spanish-language book club. Fourth Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m., free, Modern Times Bookstore, 2919 24th St., San Francisco, 282-9246, www. moderntimesbookstore.com.

Dana Fredsti: In Plague Nation (the sequel to 2012's Plague Town), those darn zombies are still looking for fresh meat, so our heroes must travel to that most cherished of all sanctuaries: San Francisco. Sat., April 20, 3 p.m., free, Borderlands Books, 866 Valencia, San Francisco, 824-8203, www.borderlands-books.com.

Dieter Hagenbach and Lucius Werthmüller: The authors and psychedelic researchers discuss their book Mystic Chemist: The Life of Albert Hofmann and His Discovery of LSD. Sun., April 21, 5 p.m., free, City Lights Books, 261 Columbus, San Francisco, 362-8193. www.citvlights.com.

Drunken Spelling Bee: Are you smarter than a fifth grader ... who's drunk? Host Jimi Moran tests your ability to spell while soused at this monthly event for literate lushes. Sun., April 21, 6 p.m. Cafe Royale, 800 Post, San Francisco, 441-4099, www.caferoyale-sf.com.

Eighth Annual Poems Under the Dome: National Poetry Month celebration featuring S.F. poet laureate Alejandro Murguía and three-minute open mic slots for local writers selected by lottery. See website for submission details. Thu., April 18, 5:30 p.m., free, poemdome.net. City Hall, 1 Drive Carlton B. Goodlett, San Francisco, 554-5184, www.sfgov.org.

Elizabeth Scarboro: Reading from My Foreign Cities, a memoir about living with her husband's cystic fibrosis. Wed., April 17, 7:30 p.m., free. The Booksmith, 1644 Haight, San Francisco, 863-8688, www.booksmith.com.

Ezekiel "Zeke" Emanuel: As the special healthcare advisor to President Obama, Zeke Emanuel has done pretty well for himself. But as he describes in his book Brothers Fmanuel: A Memoir of an American Family, his siblings — Rahm and Ari — aren't exactly slouches either, Mon., April 22, 7 p.m., \$15-\$30, Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, 3200 California, San Francisco, 292-1200, www.jccsf.org.

Felice Picano: The Violet Quill Club founding member and gay literary icon shares 20th Century Un-Limited, a double-shot of short novels. Local author Ron Williams also reads from his book, San Francisco's Native Sissy Son: A Coming Out Memoir. Sun., April 21, 5 p.m., free. Books Inc./Castro, 2275 Market, San Francisco, 864-6777, www.booksinc.net.

Gerald Fleming and Barbara Brauer: The Bay Area poets read from their respective collections The Choreographer and At Ease in the Borrowed World. Fri., April 19, 7 p.m., free. Books Inc./Marina, 2251 Chestnut, San Francisco, 931-3633, www.booksinc.net.

Hedrick Smith: The PBS Frontline correspondent and Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for *The New York Times* talks about his latest investigation, the non-fiction book Who Stole the American Dream?. Mon., April 22, 7 p.m., \$20-\$25. Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, 3200 California, San Francisco, 292-1200. www.iccsf.org.

lan Svenonius: The long-time punk/underground rock singer from such bands as Nation of Ulysses. The Make-Up, etc., presents his typically cerebral how-to guide. Supernatural Strategies for Making a Rock 'n' Roll Group, out now on Akashic Books (i.e., the publishing company run by Johnny Temple of Girls Against Boys), Wed., April 17, 7 p.m., free. City Lights Books, 261 Columbus, San Francisco, 362-8193, www.citvlights.com.

Jason Henderson: The Green Arcade presents the release party for Henderson's Street Fight: The Politics of Mobility in San Francisco, a look at the battles over the future of S.F. transit. Fri., April 19, 7 p.m., \$5 (free with book purchase). McRoskey Mattress Company, 1687 Market, San Francisco, 861-4532, www.mcroskey.com.

Jeff Chu: Are you confused because you grew up gay and Christian? Don't worry — so was Jeff Chu — and he even wrote a book about it, Does Jesus Really Love Me?: A Gay Christian's Pilgrimage in Search of God in America, from which he'll read tonight. Thu., April 18, 7:30 p.m., free. Books Inc./Castro, 2275 Market, San Francisco, 864-6777, www.booksinc.net.

Joyce Carol Oates: The indomitable author reads from The Accursed, her supernaturally historical novel set in Princeton a century ago. Tue., April 23, 7 p.m., free. City Lights Books, 261 Columbus, San Francisco, 362-8193, www.citylights.com.

Laura Antoniou: The S&M fiction writer shares her latest thriller. The Killer Wore Leather, a fetish mystery, Mon., April 22, 7:30 p.m., free. Books Inc./Castro, 2275 Market, San Francisco, 864-6777, www.booksinc.net.

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Matt Dembicki: The writer and artist discusses his Oni Press graphic novel Xoc: The Journey of a Great White, a cautionary environmental tale about a shark from S.F.'s Farallon Islands. Thu., April 18, 5 p.m., free. Cartoon Art Museum, 655 Mission, San Francisco, 227-8666, www.cartoonart.org.

MFA Mixer 2.0:11 writers — Mia Amir, Brittany Billmeyer-Finn, Sarah Bushman, Nora Toomey, Genie Cartier, R.J. Ingram, Maisha Z. Johnson, Calvin Johnson Fantone, Jason Schenheit, S.B. Stokes. and July Westhale — represent their seven alma maters with free readings. Thu., April 18, 7 p.m., free, Cat Club, 1190 Folsom. San Francisco, 703-8964, www.sfcatclub.com.

Michael Alenyikov: The winner of the Gina Berriault Award (as selected by Fourteen Hills: The San Francisco State University Review) reads from his short-story collection. Ivan and Misha. Wed., April 17. 7 p.m., free, Poetry Center, 1600 Holloway, San Francisco, 338-2227. www.sfsu.edu/~poetry.

The Nato Sessions: Live Conversating & Podcastery with Famous Smart People: Comedian Nato Green hosts live chats with authors Gerard Jones (April 8), Avelet Waldman (April 15), and Helene Wecker (April 29), plus fellow comedian Mort Sahl (April 22). Mondays, 7 p.m. Continues through April 29, \$15 (or \$40 for all four shows). Stage Werx 446, 446 Valencia St. San Francisco. www.stagewerx.org.

Not Your Mother's Book Club Gets Even: A Night of Delicious Revenge: It's sweet, sweet payback time with Elizabeth Eulberg, author of Revenge of the Girl with the Great Personality, and Jill Wolfson, author of Furious. Thu., April 18, 7 p.m., free. Books Inc./Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness, San Francisco, 776-1111, www.booksinc.net.

Paxton Gate Storyhour: Readings of chosen books for children. Thursdays, noon, free, 252-9990. Paxton Gate's Curiosities for Kids, 766 Valencia, San Francisco, www.paxtongate.com.

Reverend Billy: Yes, the anti-consumerism activist still wants you to Stop Shopping — just not until after you buy his new book, The End of the World, Mon., April 22, 7:30 p.m., free, The Booksmith. 1644 Haight, San Francisco, 863-8688, www.booksmith.com.

SF in SF: Rick Klaw and Mary Robinette Kowal: The fantasy/sci-fi/ geek authors read selections of their work, followed by an audience Q&A. Sat., April 20, 7 p.m., \$5-\$10 suggested donation, sfinsf.org. The Variety Preview Room (The Hobart Building), 582 Market. San Francisco, 781-3893, www.varietync.org/screening_room/.

Small Press Traffic: Readings by poets Steven Farmer and Maged Zaher. Sun., April 21, 5 p.m., \$6-\$10. Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia, San Francisco, 824-3890, www.atasite.org.

Spring Fever: A Night of Music, Live Radio, Comedy, and Literature: Comedian Sean Keane, artist Wendy MacNaughton, author Caroline Paul, KQED science proselytizers Lauren Sommer and Amy Standen, New York Times contributor Chris Colin, Oakland electropop duo James & Evander, and others combine for a night of intriguing entertainment. Fri., April 19, 7 p.m., free with RSVP, therumpus.net. Verdi Club, 2424 Mariposa, San Francisco, 861-5048, www.verdiclub.net.

Story Time in the Library: Kids aged 4 to 8 are encouraged to sit back and hear stories about nature and science. First and Third Sunday of every month, 10:30 a.m., free. San Francisco Botanical Garden, Martin Luther King Jr., San Francisco, 564-3239, www. sfbotanicalgarden.org.

Suzanne Roberts: Reading from her nature memoir. Almost Somewhere: Twenty-Eight Days on the John Muir Trail, Thu., April 18. 7 p.m., free, The Green Arcade, 1680 Market, San Francisco. 431-6800, www.thegreenarcade.com.

Voices Carry: Center for the Art of Translation benefit featuring novelists Yiyun Li, Ann Packer, Vikram Chandra, Ayelet Waldman, Anita Amirrezvani, Sylvia Brownrigg, and K.M. Soehnlein reading from the translated literature that inspired them, Sat., April 20, 5:30 p.m., \$75, catranslation.org/events. The City Club of San Francisco, 155 Sansome St., San Francisco, 362-2480, www.citvclubsf.com.

William Luvaas: Apocalyptic tales from Luvaas' new collection, Ashes Rain Down: A Story Cycle. Tue., April 23, 6:30 p.m., free. San Francisco Main Library, 100 Larkin, San Francisco, 557-4400, www.sfpl.org.

Yvette van Boven: Meet-and-greet with the author of the recipe books Home Made, Home Made Winter, and Home Made Summer. Sun., April 21, 1 p.m., free. Book Passage, 1 Ferry Building Ste. 42, San Francisco, 835-1020, www.bookpassage.com.

MUSEUM EXHIBITS & EVENTS

Asian Art Museum of San Francisco. In a New Light: The Asian Art Museum Collection: A display of more than 2.500 objects from the museum's permanent collection explores the major cultures of Asia. Daily. Free with museum admission. China's Terracotta Warriors: The First Emperor's Legacy: An exhibition of China's first Emperor Qin Shihuang's life-size terracotta army. Tuesdays-Sundays. Continues through May 27. \$15-\$18. 200 Larkin, San Francisco, 581-3500, www.asianart.org.

Cable Car Museum. Permanent Exhibit: Located in a historic cable car powerhouse, the museum displays a variety of cable car gear, historic photographs, installations explaining how the cars work, and several antique vehicles. Daily. Free. 1201 Mason, San Francisco, 474-1887, www.cablecarmuseum.org.

California Academy of Sciences. Animal Attraction: A science event about animals reproducing. Daily. Fragile Planet: Float through the roof of the Academy's building, zoom through the atmosphere, and gain an astronaut's view of Earth in this Planetarium feature narrated by Sigourney Weaver. Daily. Wachovia Wednesday: The museum is free to the public on the third Wednesday of each month. Third Wednesday of every month. Discover Africa's Secrets: Pick up clues in the Naturalist Center. Daily. Earthquake: Treat your senses to seismic overload in this exhibit that includes a walk-in Earth model illustrating plate tectonics, a recreation of a Victorian salon that shakes like two of San Francisco's most famous quakes. a planetarium show, interactive displays, and more, Daily, Bugs!: This 25-minute 3-D film was shot on location in the creeny-crawly tropical forests of Borneo. Every hour on the hour. Daily. Platinum

Behind-the-Scenes Tour: Go beyond the public exhibit spaces. Daily, 10, 11 a.m., 1 & 2 p.m. Penguin Feeding: Watch as the Academy's flightless friends are offered their breakfast and lunch, Daily, 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m. Coral Reef Dive: Scientists dive into the Academy's live coral tank and offer live explanations of its denizens, Daily, 11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Extreme Life Mysteries: Explore curious and extraordinary animals. Daily, 12:30 p.m. Children's Storytime: Ages 2-5: Listen to stories about nature and science. Thursdays, Saturdays, 11 a.m. Lagoon Feeding: Mealtime for sharks and stingrays. Tuesdays. Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. Big Bang Gala 2013: Annual fundraising megaparty featuring conversations with environmental photographer James Balog and sustainable development advocate William McDonough, plus cocktails, dinner, and more. All tickets include admission to Big Bang: Party After Dark, which follows the gala. Thu., April 18, 6 p.m. \$2,500+. www.calacademy.org/bigbang. NightLife VIP Tour: One-hour behind-the-scenes tour. Thursdays, 6 p.m. Big Bang: Party After Dark: with Mayer Hawthorne (DJ set), Poolside, DJ Izzy*Wise, bike-powered art, Del Popolo pizza, and much more. Thu., April 18, 8:30 p.m. \$75 (includes open bar). calacademy.org/bigbang. Live Animal Demonstrations: Meet snakes, hissing cockroaches, turtles, and more. Saturdays, Sundays, 3:30 p.m. Family Nature Crafts: Nature-themed craft-making. Sundays. Science Adventures: Ages 6-10: Explore the natural world through stories, experiments, games, and crafts, Sundays, 2:15 p.m. After-Hours Wine and Dine Tour: A three-course dinner and backstage access to the exhibits, Sundays, 6 p.m. Explore the Living Roof with Naturalists: Learn about the 2.5-acre living roof, Mondays, 3 p.m. free with museum admission. 55 Music Concourse, San Francisco, 379-8000, www.calacademy.org.

California Historical Society Museum. Curating the Bay: Crowdsourcing a New Environmental History: In honor of the "Year of the Bay," this exhibit features 150 objects from the CHS collections that reflect the bay's environmental and cultural history. Tuesdays-Sundays. Continues through Aug. 25. \$5 suggested donation. 678 Mission, San Francisco, 357-1848, www.californiahistoricalsociety.org.

Cartoon Art Museum. Chuck Jones: Drawing on Imagination -100 Years of an Animated Artist: A collection of art by legendary animation director and creator Chuck Jones, comprising 100 works from the late 1930s through the late 1990s. Tuesdays-Sundays. Continues through May 5. \$3-\$7. I See What You Say: Visual Stories and Narrative Art: Group show about storytelling without words via picture books, comics, editorial art, and other illustrative media forms. Tuesdays-Sundays. Continues through July 7. \$3-\$7. Matt Dembicki: The writer and artist discusses his Oni Press graphic novel Xoc: The Journey of a Great White, a cautionary environmental tale about a shark from S.F.'s Farallon Islands. Thu., April 18, 5 p.m. free, 655 Mission, San Francisco, 227-8666. www.cartoonart.org

Contemporary Jewish Museum. Being Jewish: A Bay Area Portrait: A mural of community photos and objects that reflect the flavor of Jewish life in the Bay Area, Daily, The World Stage: Israel: An exhibition of portraits by Kehinde Wiley that explore black diaspora, the international phenomenon of urban youth culture, and its effect on men in Israeli cities. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays-Sundays. Continues through May 27, \$10-\$12, Drop-in Art Making: Make art with your kids. Every Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays. 736 Mission, San Francisco, 655-7800, www.thecjm.org.

de Young Museum. Girl with a Pearl Earring: Dutch Paintings from the Mauritshuis: Paintings from Dutch masters. Tuesdays-Sundays. Continues through June 2. \$25 (includes museum admission). deyoung.famsf.org. Artist-in-Residence: Susan Tonkin Riegel: The local artist presents Personal Letters: Expressing Ourselves Through a Mixed-Media Dialogue, in which visitors can use acrylic paint, pastels, graphite, thread, and paper to create letters to be displayed in the studio afterwards. Wednesdays-Sundays, 1-5 p.m. Friday Nights at the de Young: An art-focused happy hour. with special performances and hands-on activities plus cheap admission, Fridays, 5 p.m. free-\$10, 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive. San Francisco, 750-3600, www.deyoungmuseum.org.

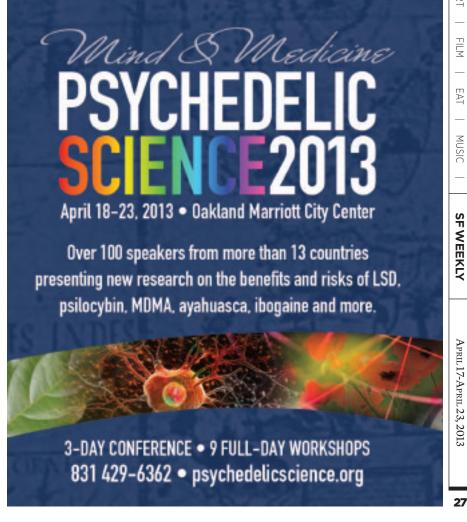
Exploratorium. Exploratorium Opening Day: The big day is finally here — and the Exploratorium is offering free exhibits and entertainment outside its fancy new home on the Embarcadero, Wed., April 17, 9 a.m. \$25 for adults, Permanent Galleries: The family science museum's gigantic new complex is split into six separate gallery sections that focus on human behavior, senses & perception, biology, the environment, and much more - all with the Exploratorium's famously whimsical and interactive features. Tuesdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Pier 15, San Francisco, 528-4360, www.exploratorium.edu.

Fort Mason. Outdoor Exploratorium: Outdoor art and science exhibit. Daily. free. 38 Fort Mason, San Francisco, 345-7500,

GLBT Historical Society. Out of the Boxes: Historical Society Opens Archives of Pioneering Historian Allan Bérubé: Bérubé was one of the pioneers in the field of community-based gay history that emerged in the 1970s and early 1980s. The GLBT Historical Society has opened his papers for use by researchers. Daily. 657 Mission, San Francisco, 777-5455, www.qlbthistory.org.

The Holocaust Center of Northern California. Letters: 1938-1946: Letters selected from the center's archives that detail the harrowing danger of living in Nazi-occupied Europe. Mondays-Thursdays. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free, 121 Steuart, San Francisco, 777-9060, www. tauberholocaustlibrary.org





SF WEEKLY

Legion of Honor. Darren Waterston: A Compendium of Creatures: These 12 color aquatints from the artist's portfolio A Swarm, A Flock, A Host: A Compendium of Creatures update the concept of the medieval bestiary. Tuesdays-Sundays. Continues through Dec. 29. \$6-\$10. Gifts from the Gods: Art and the Olympic Ideal: A collection of Greek, Roman, and relatively modern works celebrating the Olympic Games and the ideals surrounding threadys-Sundays. Continues through June 23. \$6-\$10. Bowles Porcelain Gallery: Porcelain from England and continental Europe. Daily. 100 34th Ave., San Francisco, 750-3600.

San Francisco Main Library. Digging Deep: Underneath San Francisco Public Library: Historical artifacts found at the library site, which was once a cemetery as well as City Hall. Daily. 100 Larkin, San Francisco, 557-4400, www.sfpl.org.

The Presidio Trust. Welcome to the Presidio: Two galleries — "Presidio Milestones" and "The Next Chapter: Creating a Future from Our Past" — illustrate the Persidio's transition from a military base into a national park and beyond. Wednesdays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Continues through Dec. 31. free. 103 Montgomery St., San Francisco, 561-5300, www.presidio.gov.

Randall Museum. Drop-in Art and Science Workshops: Each week kids and parents can participate in artistic activities that illuminate some aspect of science. Saturdays, 10 a.m. \$4-\$10 (museum admission free). 199 Museum, San Francisco, 554-9600, www. randallmuseum.org.

San Francisco Museum of Craft & Design. Arline Fisch: Creatures from the Deep: Installation of oversized jellyfish woven from knitted and crocheted copper wire. Tuesdays-Sundays. Michael Cooper: A Sculptural Odyssey, 1968-2011: Sculptures assembled from carved wood and manipulated metal to create hybrids that combine the organic with the mechanical. Tuesdays-Sundays. Rebecca Hutchinson: Affinity: Forest-like installation made from porcelain paperclay, paper, and hanging tree branches. Tuesdays-Sundays. 2569 3rd St., San Francisco, 773-0303, www.sfmcd.org.

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA). The Elise S. Haas Bequest: Modern Art from Matisse to Marini: Selections from a private collection featuring pieces by Matisse, O'Keeffe, Picasso, and others. Through June 2. Garry Winogrand: Retrospective featuring nearly 100 black-and-white snapshots by the postwar photographer — almost half of which have never been exhibited publicly before — which provide a unique perspective on American urban life in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and elsewhere. Through June 2. Picturing Modernity: Selections from the SFMOMA Collection: An exhibition of photographs from SFMOMA's own collection that illustrate a wide range of photographic styles. Through June 2; Daily. *The Clock*: Christian Marclay's 24-hour-long film is an acclaimed, epic montage of movie clips cut and reassembled to unfold in real time. Through June 2. \$11-\$18. www.sfmoma.org/about/press/press_exhibitions/releases/942. *Lebbeus Woods, Architect:* A collection of conceptual drawings and models by the visionary architectural artist whose fantastic, futuristic structures reimagined the interactive possibilities between physical planes and space. Through June 2. 151 3rd St., San Francisco, 357-4000, www.sfmoma.org.

UC Berkeley. Cal Day 2013: Annual University open house featuring free admission to campus museums, plus student arts performances, faculty talks, open labs, campus tours, and more. Sat., April 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. free. calday.berkeley.edu. (Bancroft & Telegraph), Berkeley, 510-642-3268, www.berkeley.edu/index.html.

The Walt Disney Family Museum. Between Frames: The Magic Behind Stop Motion Animation: Includes behind-the-scenes photos, replicas, film clips, puppets, interactive armatures, and more. Through April 28. free with museum admission. 104 Montgomery, San Francisco, 345-6800, www.waltdisney.org.

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. Without Reality There Is No Utopia: International artists use a wide variety of mediums to illustrate how the utopian ideal has been threatened by postmodern, post-"reality" society. Thursdays-Sundays. Continues through June 9. \$8-\$10. Shih Chieh Huang: Synthetic Seduction: High-tech and the mundane meet in a series of glowing, seemingly anamorphic displays. Thursdays-Sundays. Continues through June 30. \$8-\$10. 701 Mission, San Francisco, 978-2787, www.ybca.org.

PARADES

Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival Grand Parade: The thundering drums of taiko ensembles herald the coming of this festive march that begins at City Hall, proceeds up Polk to Post, and concludes in Japantown at approximately 3 p.m. Sun., April 21, 1 p.m., free, sfcherryblossom.org. City Hall, 1 Drive Carlton B. Goodlett, San Francisco, 554-5184, www.sfgov.org.

PERFORMING ARTS

The Amazing Bubble Man: Louis "Bubble Man" Pearl performs more tricks than you thought were possible with liquid soap (and also drops a little light science about the physics of bubbles). Starting April 21, Sundays, 11 a.m. Continues through July 21, \$8-\$11, amaz-

ingbubbleman.com. The Marsh Cafe And Gallery, 1070 Valencia St., San Francisco, 826-5750, www.themarsh.org/cafe.html.

POETRY & SPOKEN WORD

16th and Mission Poetry Slam: Unorganized, impromptu gathering of people to sing, dance, shout, and read spoken word. Thursdays, 9 p.m., free. 16thmission.com. 16th St. BART Station, 2000 Mission St...

BawdySlam: Bawdy Storytelling's uncurated sibling event gives you five minutes to talk filthy and vie for the title of San Francisco's Dirtiest Storyteller. Third Thursday of every month, 8 p.m., \$10 advance, bawdystorytelling.com. Cafe Royale, 800 Post, San Francisco, 441-4099, www.caferoyale-sf.com.

Eighth Annual Poems Under the Dome: National Poetry Month celebration featuring S.F. poet laureate Alejandro Murguía and three-minute open mic slots for local writers selected by lottery. See website for submission details. Thu., April 18, 5:30 p.m., free, poemdome.net. City Hall, 1 Drive Carlton B. Goodlett, San Francisco, 554-5184, www.sfgov.org.

Gerald Fleming and Barbara Brauer: The Bay Area poets read from their respective collections *The Choreographer* and *At Ease in the Borrowed World*. Fri., April 19, 7 p.m., free. Books Inc./Marina, 2251 Chestnut. San Francisco. 931-3633. www.booksinc.net.

Holla Back: Weekly poetry open mic with a hip-hop vibe. Thursdays, 7:30-10 p.m., free/donation, all ages. EastSide Arts Alliance, 2277 International, Oakland, 510-533-6629, www.eastsideartsalliance.com.

The Rumi Concert: Lion of the Heart: Featuring Rumi translator Coleman Barks, cellist David Darling, percussionist Glen Velez, and dancer/storyteller Zuleikha. Sat., April 20, 8 p.m., \$25-\$75, ciis.edu. Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness, San Francisco, 392-4400, www.sfwmpac.org/herbst/ht_index.html.

Small Press Traffic: Readings by poets Steven Farmer and Maged Zaher. Sun., April 21, 5 p.m., \$6-\$10. Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia, San Francisco, 824-3890, www.atasite.org.

The Vent: Monthly storytelling series featuring Kay DeMartini, Mosa Maxwell-Smith, Sandy Stec, Andrea Carla Michaels, and Enzo Lombard. Sun., April 21, 7 p.m., \$15. Stage Werx 446, 446 Valencia St, San Francisco, www.stagewerx.org.



▼ BALLET

FLUID MOVEMENTS

Alonzo King LINES Ballet celebrates its 30th year as a leading light in contemporary ballet in its spring season. In a new collaborative work, King sets his lapidary choreography to music by Grammy-award winning double bassist and composer Edgar Meyer, performed before an illuminated wall of water created by Academy Award-winning fog and water specialist Jim Doyle. The program will also include excerpts of LINES Ballet repertoire from

the past three decades, including King's acclaimed *Ocean* (1994). King refers to his pieces as "thought-structures"; his 12 extraordinary dancers use their long-limbed virtuosity to embody works of cerebral abstraction that transcend the classical idiom. A special gala will be held April 20; post- and pre-performance talks with King and Meyer will be held April 21 and 24, respectively.

Alonzo King LINES Ballet presents its 30th Anniversary Spring Season at 7:30 p.m. and running April 19-28 at Lam Research Theater, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 700 Howard St., S.F. Tickets are \$25-\$65; call 978-2787 or visit tickets.ybca.org. IRENE HSIAO



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Youth Speaks Teen Poetry Slam 2013: Semi-Finals: The competition continues at the Brower Center in Berkeley, Oakland Museum, and Children's Creativity Museum in San Francisco. See website for more details. April 19-20; April 26-27, youthspeaks.org. Multiple Bay Area Locations, San Francisco, N/A.

SEX & FETISH EVENTS

- 27th Annual International Ms. Leather: S&M conference for women featuring vendors, play spaces, workshops, auctions, parties, and contests (including the International Ms. Leather Contest and International Ms. Bootblack Contest). April 18-21, \$30-\$199, imsl.org. Holiday Inn, 1500 Van Ness, San Francisco, 643-5121.
- Puss 'n' Boots II: 16-artist group show of erotic art. Through April 20. Amelia Hyde Gallery, 521 6th St., San Francisco, 990-2043, www.ameliahyde.com.
- BawdySlam: Bawdy Storytelling's uncurated sibling event gives you five minutes to talk filthy and vie for the title of San Francisco's Dirtiest Storyteller. Third Thursday of every month, 8 p.m., \$10 advance, bawdystorytelling.com. Cafe Royale, 800 Post, San Francisco, 441-4099, www.caferoyale-sf.com.
- Midori: The Evoco Project: The Japanese bondage expert displays prints made by pressing paper against inky rope bondage performers. Through April 27. Center for Sex & Culture, 1349 Mission, San Francisco. 902-2071. www.sexandculture.org.
- ConVerge: Prohibition: A collaborative performance between artist Eliza Barrios and rope bondage expert Midori inspired by the tension between desire and self-discipline. Thu., April 18, 4 p.m., free. Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 701 Mission, San Francisco, 978-2787, www.ybca.org.
- Humpday Happy Hour Workshop: Good Vibrations presents recurring workshops on various sex themes. Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Free. Good Vibrations, 1620 Polk, San Francisco, 345-0400, www.goodvibes.com/main.jhtml.
- Laura Antoniou: The S&M fiction writer shares her latest thriller, The Killer Wore Leather, a fetish mystery. Mon., April 22, 7:30 p.m., free. Books Inc./Castro, 2275 Market, San Francisco, 864-6777, www.booksinc.net.
- Sex in the City Tours: Four-hour van tour providing a lively take on San Francisco's lascivious history. Fridays, 6:30 p.m., \$69, 510-915-1010, www.sexinthecitytours.com. Multiple San Francisco Locations.

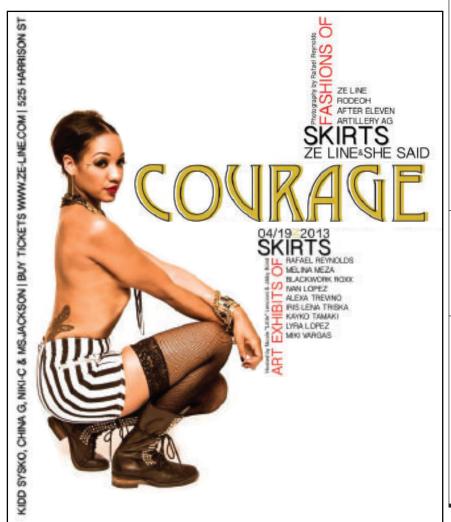
THEATER

- Acid Test: The Many Incarnations of Ram Dass: Warren David Keith's one-man portrayal of the journey to psychedelic enlightenment taken by the man born Richard Alpert. Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 5 p.m. Continues through May 18, \$15-\$50. The Marsh Theater, 1062 Valencia St., San Francisco. 826-5750, www.themarsh.org.
- The Arsonists: Mark Jackson directs this update of Max Frisch's 1958 dark comedy about bourgeois impotence in the face of evil. Tuesdays-Sundays, \$32-\$60. Aurora Theatre Company, 2081 Addison, Berkeley, 510-843-4822, www.auroratheatre.org.
- Beach Blanket Babylon: Steve Silver's musical revue spoofs pop culture with extravagant costumes. Wednesdays-Sundays, \$25-\$130, beachblanketbabylon.com. Club Fugazi, 678 Green, San Francisco, 421-4222, www.beachblanketbabylon.com.
- The Bereaved: A staging of Thomas Bradshaw's dark comedy about the lives of UHBs (Urban Haute Bourgeoisie) by Crowded Fire Theatre. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Wed., April 17, 8 p.m.; Wed., April 24, 8 p.m. Continues through April 27, \$10-\$35, www. crowdedfire.org. The Thick House, 1695 18th St., San Francisco, 401-8081, www.thickhouse.org.
- The Bus: Two gay teenagers share a secret love in a small town with a big religious presence. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. Continues through April 28, www.nctcsf.org/press_room/the_bus.htm. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness, San Francisco, 861-8972, www.nctcsf.org.
- Carnival!: Revival of the breezy musical that first opened on Broadway in 1961. Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; Thursdays, Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 6 p.m. Continues through April 21, \$25-\$75, www.42ndstmoon. org. Eureka Theatre, 215 Jackson, San Francisco, 788-7469, www. theeurekatheatre.com.
- The Expulsion of Malcolm X: World debut of Larry Americ Allen's play about the intense relationship between Elijah Muhammad and Malcolm X that (spoiler alert) eventually led to the latter's assassination. Fridays, Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m. Continues through May 5, \$30-\$42.50. Fort Mason, Southside Theater, Marina, San Francisco, www.fortmason.org.
- Fallaci: A fictional play about the last days of journalist Oriana Fallaci. Written by Pulitzer Prize-winner Lawrence Wright. Tuesdays-Sundays. Continues through April 21, \$29-\$89. Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley, 510-647-2949, www. berkeleyrep.org.
- Foodies! The Musical: A musical comedy revue of songs and sketches that take a humorous look at the current food scene. Fridays, Saturdays, 8 p.m., \$34, www.foodiesthemusical.com. Shelton Theater, 533 Sutter, San Francisco, 433-3040, www.sheltontheater.com.

Ghostbusters: Live!: Listen! Do you smell something? It's the aroma

- of entertainment, as actors Tim Kay, Thomas Apley, Adam Curry, Shawn Miller, Becky Hirschfeld, Adam Vogel, Alexia Staniotes, Scott McNeil, and Christina Shonkwiler battle paranormal ghosts (OK, puppets) in this onstagere-enactment of the hit 1980s comedy movie. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Continues through April 27, \$15-\$20, darkroomsf.com/ghostbusters. Dark Room Theater, 2263 Mission. San Francisco. 401-7987, www.darkroomsf.com.
- The Happy Ones: Jonathan Moscone directs Julie Marie Myatt's drama about life and loss in 1970s Orange County. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2:30 p.m.; Sun., April 21. Continues through April 21, \$20-\$60, magictheatre.org. Magic Theatre, Fort Mason, Bldg. D, Marina & Buchanan, San Francisco, 441-8822, www.magictheatre.org.
- Hedwig and the Angry Inch: The comical and rocking LGBT musical favorite. Wednesdays-Saturdays, \$15-\$39. Boxcar Playhouse, 505 Natoma, San Francisco, 776-1747, www.boxcartheatre.org.
- How to Make Bitterness Work for You: Comical solo show disguised as a self-help seminar, writted and performed by Fred Raker. Sundays, 2 p.m. Continues through May 5, \$15-\$25, www.bitternesstobetterness.com. Stage Werx 446, 446 Valencia St, San Francisco, www.stagewerx.org.
- I'm Not OK, Cupid: (: A collection of original, comedic, one-act LGBT plays written by Andy Black, Alex Dremann, Rodney "Rhoda" Taylor, James A. Martin, Rich Orloff, and Joseph Frank. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Continues through May 4, \$15-\$25, leftcoasttheatreco.org. Shelton Theater, 533 Sutter, San Francisco, 433-3040. www.sheltontheater.com.
- Jersey Boys: The story of how four blue-collar kids became one of the greatest successes in pop music history (The Four Seasons). Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, 2 p.m.; Tuesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Continues through April 28, \$60-\$210. Curran Theatre, 445 Geary, San Francisco, 551-2000, www.shnsf.com.
- The Lullaby Tree: Bay Area playwright lan Walker's story about a young boy who encounters both giants and GMOs as he journeys into the Underworld to save his mother. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. Continues through May 4, \$20. Phoenix Arts Association Theatre, 414 Mason Ste. 601, San Francisco, 989-0023, www.phoenixtheatresf.org.
- The Mitch Green Show: Mitch Green hosts improvests by Moosehead, the Lombard Street Experiment, and the Interstitials. Thursdays. Continues through April 18, \$13. Shelton Theater, 533 Sutter, San Francisco, 433-3040, www.sheltontheater.com.
- Monday Night Marsh: Musicians, actors, performance artists, and others take the stage at this regular staging of works in progress. Mondays, \$7. The Marsh Theater, 1062 Valencia St., San Francisco, 826-5750, www.themarsh.org.
- Reasons to Be Pretty: Neil LaBute's Tony Award-nominated play about American superficiality and the emotional damage it causes. Tuesdays-Fridays, 7 p.m., Saturdays, 3 & 8 p.m. Continues through April 30. SF Playhouse, 450 Post St., San Francisco, 677-9596, www.sfplayhouse.org.
- The River: The New River an infamously toxic waterway that flows from Mexico into the Salton Sea serves as the backdrop to this new work that intertwines stories of diverse characters living on the edge of the Mexican-American social landscape. Thursdays-Sundays, 8 p.m. Continues through May 4, \$25-\$35, theriver2013. eventbrite.com. The Costume Shop, 1117 Market St..
- Saturday Write Fever: S.F. Theater Pub's Stuart Bousel and Megan Cohen host this "writing sprint" of hastily penned thematic monologues. Third Saturday of every month, 8:30 p.m., free. Exit Theatre, 156 Eddy, San Francisco, 673-3847, www.theexit.org.
- Secret Improv Society: Underground improvisational theater. Saturdays, 10 p.m., \$15. Shelton Theater, 533 Sutter, San Francisco, 433-3040, www.sheltontheater.com.
- Sex and the City: Livel: A drag rendition of the HBO series Sex and the City. Wednesdays, 7 & 9 p.m., \$20-\$25, trannyshack.com.1772 Market Street, 1772 Market St., San Francisco, 371-9705, https:// www.facebook.com/1760MarketStreet.
- Sheherezade 13: The 13th annual showcase of new plays by writers from the Playwrights' Center of San Francisco. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Continues through April 27, \$20-\$25, playwrightscentersf. org. Exit Theatre, 156 Eddy, San Francisco, 673-3847, www. theexit.org.
- Steve Seabrook: Better Than You: A comedic one-man show with a self-help theme, written and performed by Kurt Bodden. Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:30 p.m. Continues through May 18, \$15-\$50. The Marsh Theater, 1062 Valencia St., San Francisco, 826-5750, www.themarsh.org.
- Stuck Elevator: An undocumented Chinese immigrant ponders his options while stuck in a New York City elevator for more than three days. Performed in English with Chinese language supertitles projected above the stage. Tuesdays-Sundays. Continues through April 28, \$30-\$110. American Conservatory Theater (A.C.T.), 415 Geary, San Francisco, 749-2228, www.act-sf.org/site/PageServer.
- Tinsel Tarts in a Hot Coma: The Next Cockettes Musical: Revival of the 1971 drag musical extravaganza. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Continues through June 1, \$30-\$35. The Hypnodrome, 575 10th St., San Francisco, 377-4202, www.thrillpeddlers.com.
- Un-Scripted Theater Company: *The Lost Folio: Shakespeare's Musicals*: A fully improvised musical based on The Bard's famous characters. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Continues through May 18, \$10-\$20, un-scripted.com. Shelton Theater, 533 Sutter, San Francisco, 433-3040, www.sheltontheater.com.





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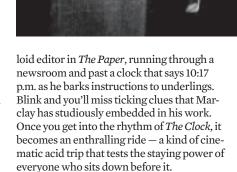
Time Stamp

Christian Marclay's history of collage comes through in his day-long work The Clock.

BY JONATHAN CURIEL

t 2:15 a.m. on a recent Friday, on the fourth floor of SF-MOMA, a smattering of artgoers snoozed, lying prone on soft couches after watching a few hours of Christian Marclay's The Clock. The snores. The drooling. Marclay's masterpiece. Those who digest the full scope of The Clock, which is 24 hours long, are inevitably reduced to laughter, awe, and, yes, Rapid Eye

At SFMOMA, where The Clock is on view until June 2 — and where it's having special all-night screenings five more times - the museum has deputized docents to wake up people who fall asleep during Marclay's colossal work. There's never been anything like The Clock, which stitches together thousands of movie scenes that reference the time of day. Each new minute, a timepiece on screen, an actor's lines, or something announces the exact minute that audiences are watching the film. At 12:20 a.m., for instance, The Clock has a tuxedo-clad James Bond, Sean Connery in Goldfinger, standing in a nightclub and calmly eyeing his watch as it ticks toward 12:20 a.m., when explosives will obliterate a villain's compound. At 10:17 p.m., The Clock has actor Michael Keaton as a tab-



The Clock, which took three years to make, has become the art world's most talked-about film project since it debuted in 2010, and unsurprisingly, it's divided audiences. His worst critics have derided The Clock as a "gimmick," but even Marclay's detractors credit his resolve to complete the project, which required thousands of hours to sift through potential scenes. But the film's success — it won the Venice Biennale's top prize in 2011, and has since screened to standing-room-only crowds around the world — has brought renewed attention to Marclay's other projects.

Just two blocks from SFMOMA, the Fraenkel Gallery offers insight into Marclay's longtime vision with "Things I've Heard," an exhibit of humorous photos that Marclay has taken over the past 20 years. Marclay, who was born in San Rafael, raised in Switzerland,

and now divides his time between New York and London, enjoys delving into seemingly unassuming edges of public spaces. In a 2004 photo at the Fraenkel Gallery, the receiver of a yellow telephone – unmoored from its payphone base - dangles over a gray and dirty New York sidewalk. In a 1998 image from Chicago, a parked car has an upside-down hangar for an antenna. And in a 1992 photo from Frankfurt, a small "Just Married" sign and a tangle of cans are attached to the back of a big tour bus. The backdrop of every image at Fraenkel Gallery is sound - which fits into Marclay's history as a composer and ex-

In the late '70s, Marclay was one of the first people in the United States to use records and turntables in public performances, deliberately skipping albums and scratching them to make sounds as he collaborated on stage with instrumentalists. In the '80s, he regularly performed with saxophonist John Zorn and percussionist David Moss. His interest in visual art and music coalesced in the 2002 film project, Video Quartet, a fourscreen collage of Hollywood clips commissioned by SFMOMA that shows instrumentalists and actors, including Cary Grant and Harpo Marx, making very loud

perimental recording artist.

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Untitled Bunnies

Corner of Haight & Laguna

eremy Fish says his bunny sculpture the one that's stood for two years at the southwest corner of Haight and Laguna streets — is supposed to be both funny and creepy. The creepiness comes from the skull in the rabbit's mouth, and the ears that look like a snail's eyestalks. The humor? Well, that's easy. The rabbit is humongous and wildly pink, and it's surrounded by a wall of painted rabbits that are posing in unison, as if they're in a Broadway chorus line. Who wouldn't be amused by that? In fact, vandals have repeatedly tagged the sculpture and thrown paint on it, and several months ago, in the alcove behind the protuberant rabbit, someone started a fire. Now, the bunny's head and left eye are distorted. But Fish, who used to live in the lower Haight and now resides in North Beach, has faith that neighbors in his former neighborhood will make

sure his street art survives. From the start, neighbors adopted his funny-creepy bunny.

"It had been up there for a few months, and had gotten tagged, and I was up there cleaning it," Fish says, "and this older woman came out and said, 'Hey, stop doing that! Stop doing that!' And I said, 'No, no, no — it's mine.' And she said, 'You made this?' And I said, 'Yeah.' And she said, 'I've lived across this street for a number of years, and at night I didn't like walking this way to go to Safeway [at Church and Market]. I'd go out and around to get there.' She said, 'You've generated such a nice energy on the block, and there's always people around, and it's much more lively, and I feel safer around my own neighborhood.' That was special.'

The bunny is on the site of the former UC Berkeley Extension building, where the sculpture was only supposed to last a year while



the building transitioned into development. Delays in the development have given the bunny, and the other artwork on the walls there, more longevity than the average street art. "It's lived," says Fish of his nameless sculpture, "a far longer life than I ever expected when I put it there." J.C.

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music. Like rap artists who sample other works to create new originals, Marclay is an unabashed appropriator who tries to shed new light on previous art that people may have forgotten about.

"I've always used found objects, images and sounds, and collaged them together, and tried to create something new and different with what was available," Marclay, 58, told the Journal of Contemporary Art. "To be totally original and start from scratch always seemed futile. I was more interested in taking something that existed and was part of my surroundings, to cut it up, twist it, turn it into something different; appropriating it and making it mine through manipulations and juxtapositions."

Marclay knows his projects won't necessarily appeal to mainstream audiences, but The Clock has enough word-of-mouth that long lines have appeared at SFMOMA, whose makeshift theater space sits fewer than 100 people. Kristi Highum, a video producer who took in The Clock at SFMOMA's first all-night showing, says it was worth the effort. "I would be asleep otherwise," she says at 2:20 a.m., on her way to catch a bus home. Highum says the dozing viewers at SFMOMA even added to the film's appeal:

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"The people who were slumped over — it reminded me of being in the library at college at 2 in the morning. Everyone is still there, supposedly still working, but at that point, it's just pointless because they're all really

It's true. As engaging as The Clock is, it can't force people to stay awake. In fact, the movie's scenes of characters sleeping in the midnight hours only reinforce the fact that, at that hour, you should be asleep, too — not straddling a SFMOMA couch in a room with strangers, some of whom are wide awake, some of whom are making the kind of snoring sounds that Marclay might record if he were there himself.

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Jeremy Fish's bunnies have been trashed and burned, but retain the charm only a skull-eating rabbit can have.





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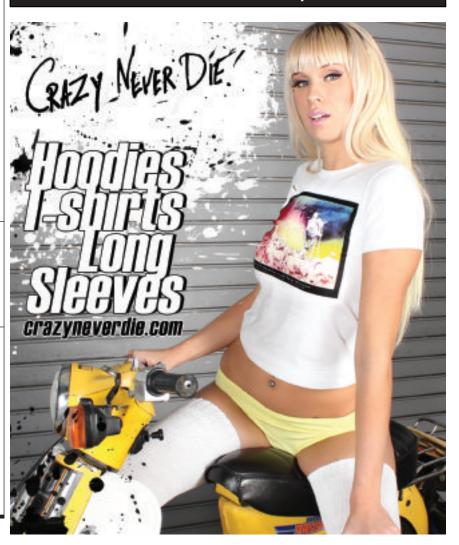
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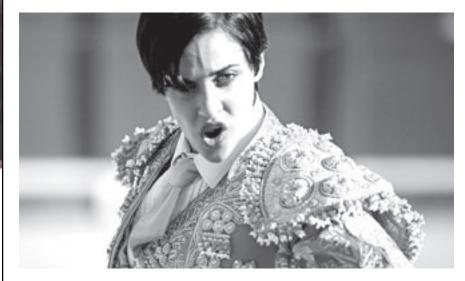
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Blancanieves

Rated PG-13. Opens Friday at the Embarcadero. here are two kinds of modernday Snow White retellings:

Those that cast actual Little People, and those that use camera tricks and CGI to debigulate average-sized actors. (See also: Peter Jackson's Tolkien movies.) Pablo Berger's black-andwhite silent homage Blancanieves is perfectly cromulent in this regard, using Little People to portray the seven Bullfighting Dwarves; such digital tomfoolery probably wouldn't have been within the film's budget, and definitely not within its silent-film aesthetic. The story is set against the bullfighting world of 1920s Spain, as young Carmen (Macarena García), the amnesiac daughter of bullfighting champion Antonio (Daniel Giménez Cacho), barely escapes from the toothy clutches of her wicked stepmother Encarna (Y Tu Mamá También's Maribel Verdu, looking quite a lot like Megan Draper), and is rescued by the aforementioned Bullfighting Dwarves - who name her Snow White (Blancanieves), "just like the story." That's the extent of Blancanieves' self-aware winks, thankfully, and otherwise it endeavors to honor both the dark tone and the playfulness of the original fairy tale. And like the best of the original silent films, it mostly tells its story through pictures and music, with very few intertitles. Blancanieves is fun, funny, and beautiful to look at, with a genuinely surprising and moving ending. And Pepe is best rooster! SHERILYN CONNELLY

The Angels' Share

Not rated. Opens Friday at Opera Plaza. en Loach could be the king of kitchen-sink realism, if only he'd tolerate that term or the concept of royal privilege. Socialist stalwart Loach's now legendary empathy for angry young working-class men endures in this mildly schizophrenic fable of pitiable Glaswegian fuckups. Endearing nonactor Paul Brannigan takes sly command as recovering young thug Robbie, who's trying to straighten up and do well by his brand-new baby boy. He finds himself amidst a busload of ruffians whose community-service rounds one day include a field trip to a distillery, at

Macarena Garcia fights bulls, cavorts with Little People, in the Snow White adaptation Blancanieves.

which Robbie discovers an unlikely path to redemption through whiskey appreciation. Here director Loach and his regular screenwriter Paul Laverty take sincere interest in warming both the heart and the gullet, and thus what might have been a devastating drama develops new buoyancy, swerving without fuss into heist-intensive light farce. Loach stretches, all right, even going so far as to score a montage with The Proclaimers' "I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)," as if only now deeming the mainstream crowd-pleaser tricks of 20 years ago safe for socially conscious consumption. Like the rapturously boozy fumes to which its title alludes, the movie all but evaporates. This is not a complaint. JONATHAN KIEFER

Let My People Go!

Not rated. Opens Friday at the Opera Plaza. n his comic strip Life in Hell, Matt Groening once described cinema's greatest paradox thusly: "The French are funny, sex is funny, comedy is funny, and yet no French sex comedies are funny." Which is funny because it's true, though Mikael Buch's Let My People Go! is that rare French sex comedy that is actually pretty funny. It helps that the film's not about men trying to have sex with women, but rather about a gay man named Ruben (Nicolas Maury) who has been wrongly exiled from his idvllic life with his boyfriend in Finland and finds himself back with his dysfunctional family in Paris just in time for Passover. Of course, the "home for the holidays" genre wouldn't really exist if the protagonist's family wasn't dysfunctional (or at least zany), but that's another of the tropes that Let My People Go! subverts: Not only is Ruben long since out to them, he's far from being the fulcrum of drama in the family, instead getting pulled into their heterosexual woes against his will. So, to recap: Buch's movie is French, there's sex (usually involving unexpected people in unexpected places), it's a comedy, and in spite of those apparent handicaps, it has lots of laughs. Let My People Go! has cracked the code. s.c.



Shooting the Moon

With Room 237, Rodney Ascher confronts some of the ways The Shining haunts its viewers.

BY JONATHAN KIEFER

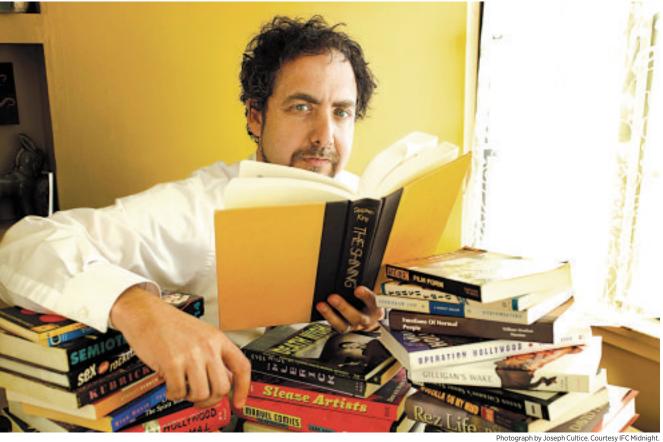
emember in the climax of The Shining when Wendy Torrance runs for her life through the sinister labyrinth of Overlook Hotel, and she comes across that one random tuxedoed fellow with a cocktail in one hand and a river of blood running down his forehead, and he says, "Great party, isn't it?" Stanley Kubrick's 1980 art filmslash-horror classic has withstood some pretty intense scrutiny over the years, and whether that party's great or ghastly depends a lot on your perspective. In its afterlife, the film has absorbed some of the most rabid cinephilia ever made possible by our young Internet, transcending mere moviedom to become a totem for the pleasures and perils of over-analysis.

To make his cine-essay, Room 237, director Rodney Ascher went spelunking in the sprawling subculture of Shining obsessives. Of these, he learned, there are many. Eventually Ascher nabbed five garrulous interviewees: a veteran ABC News correspondent, a history professor, a playwright, a conspiracy-seeking filmmaker, and a guy who puts on screenings of The Shining superimposed over itself and running forwards and backwards simultaneously. Among other things, they told him Kubrick's great and cherished film might be a treatise on genocide - of Native Americans or/and of European Jews. Or it might be an elaborate instance of the filmmaker telling us that our memory of having landed on the moon is as much a myth as, uh, the myth of Theseus. Or something. Ascher's project neither endorses nor debunks these many theories of The Shining, instead simply relishing the conditions that have allowed for their development. It's a very generous, film-positive attitude, and we got Ascher on the phone to discuss it.

SF Weekly: Tell us how Room 237 came to be.

Rodney Ascher: I blame a lot of it on Internet addiction. And on my friend Tim Kirk, who produced it. He emailed me this long intense analysis of The Shining. By the time I finished reading it, I somehow knew this was my next project. (I'd done a short documentary, in horror-movie drag, about kids being afraid of the Screen Gems logo.) I'm really interested in how film and TV can get under our skin - or attract us like a moth to a flame. Room 237 started as a year of conversations between me and Tim, just about art and history and conspiracy theories, and the multitudes contained within The Shining. And we found that a whole community, devoted to that, had popped in recent years. So the film tries to be a document of that phenomenon.

How'd you choose which folks from that community would be in the film?



I interviewed Bill Blakemore first, He'd written about it; his was the symbolic take on The Shining of record. Then I followed the trail of whose-ever theories were at the time being passed around and debated. These were people who come from very different backgrounds. What I found, and got really excited by, was that they all were very personally and emotionally involved. It wasn't just a dry, academic thing. To them this was a very important piece of art to grapple with.

And what do they think of each other's ideas? Did you have to break up any fights?

I have not seen a ton of contentiousness. Which is interesting because you might think these ideas are mutually exclusive. But that's the question: What happens when we take equally elaborate, out-there ideas and juxtapose them? Will nothing be left at the end? Will they somehow come together in a unified theory? Frankly, I had no idea. I find that exciting. Certainly, outside of this community, there are people who don't necessarily agree with any of it.

I'm probably on the record somewhere describing *The Shining* as a film I could never get sick of. But given the sort of immersion you've had. did you get sick of it?

One thing I really love about The Shining is how it changes over time for the viewer. I still haven't lost interest in talking about it.

It's going to take much more than this single project for me to become jaded.

And, again, in the same way The Shining apparently isn't only about a family man going homicidally insane in a haunted hotel, Room 237 isn't only about The Shining. It's about ways of watching, of being a spectator.

That's right. There may have been a point when our ambition was to cover everything that's been said about every scene. But that became impossible. When I found out there's a guy who could sell out a screening of The Shining being played forwards and backwards simultaneously, that was more interesting. Technology has allowed us not only to watch it again and again but to transform it.

So that, and the Kubrick mystique, and the source material, and the time in which it was made, all add up to a very special kind of rabbit hole. I wonder if you think any other film made now or in the future could inspire such particular fanaticism.

It's something I've thought about. I don't know what that film is. One thing about The Shining is that I couldn't imagine a more perfect film for this to be done with. Kubrick's reputation is such that if you don't get his movie, it's not his mistake, it's your problem. But with this, it's still the perfect synthesis of art and entertainment. So, who else? Maybe

Rodney Ascher got obsessed with the people who got obsessed with The Shining.

David Lynch or P.T. Anderson, whose movies contain more than meets the eye. But it's kind of anybody's guess what's going to hold up in 30 years. Maybe I could do this kind of thing with [Lynch's] Mulholland Drive. But nothing else, so far, has generated an equal amount of this kind of engagement.

Have you learned anything new from the audience or critical reaction?

Just that it has been incredibly rewarding. It's rewarding to see other conversations spin off from ours. This movie was also created with no budget in the middle of the night while I was working part time as a teacher and taking care of a 1-year-old. It was made with zero consideration for how interesting anybody else would find this stuff. So it's very reassuring that I'm not totally crazy, and other people find it interesting too. This is not necessarily the warmest kind of project, but we've been able to have some really human connections based on it.

Runs April 19-25 at the Roxie, 3117 16th St., S.F. Director Rodney Ascher will attend the Friday and Saturday screenings. The Shining screens April 18

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The Company You Keep Robert Redford's new thriller seems pleasingly to share some DNA with his old thrillers - the ones he starred in, like Three Days of the Condor, and All the President's Men, and for that matter even Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. He's in his element calling shots both in front of and behind the camera in The Company You Keep, a movie about outlaws and aging lefty crusaders coming to terms with their legacies. Here Redford stars as a former Weather Undergrounder dodging

the feds and tending to some urgent unfinished business with an old flame, now a pot-runner in Big Sur, played by Julie Christie. Hot on his trail is a tenacious journalist played by Shia LaBeouf in clever-guy glasses and an old-school-muckraker pose. The huge roster of strong supporting players includes Chris Cooper, Brendan Gleeson, Richard Jenkins, Susan Sarandon, Sam Elliott, Stanley Tucci, Anna Kendrick, Stephen Root, Terrence Howard, Brit Marling, and even Nick Nolte, Lem Dobbs's script, adapted from Neil Gordon's novel, is intelligent and only just slightly speechifying.

FILM CAPSULES





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The subtext - "Listen, kids, there was a time in this country when activists acted and reporters reported!" - seems sufficiently restrained. And although the movie seems gradually to tire of chewing on all it has bitten off, one senses its maker's respect for principled people of any generation, (J.K.)

Disconnect Director Henry Alex Rubin has only helmed documentaries before Disconnect. so it seems fair to cut him some slack for dramatic creakiness. Still. after warming up with facts. you'd think the guy would make a higher priority of truthfulness. Rather late to the table with its hand-wringing about the Online Way We Live Now, Rubin's film, from a didactic script by Andrew Stern, wrangles Facebook bullying, credit fraud, and underage porn into an issue-driven patchwork of lives at once fraved and braided. Evidently it yearns to be something like the Crash of its day — that is, the Paul Haggis Crash, not the David Cronenberg one — and accordingly is very solemn and ponderous. The arc of this moralizing universe is long, and it bends toward pseudo-tragic catharsis: A distracted dad (Jason Bateman) strikes up a yearning instant-message rapport with the stealth tormentor (Colin Ford) of his loner son (Jonah Bobo): a young husband and wife (Paula Patton, Alexander Skarsgard) fail to cope with losing both their child and their financial security: a TV reporter (Andrea Riseborough) gets too deep into her story about an online rentboy (Max Thieriot). Truncated supporting parts for Frank Grillo and Hope Davis seem disproportionate to their gifts, but it is a nice touch to have fashion designer Marc Jacobs play a seedy pimp. Too diluted by its fussy, phony comprehensiveness, the case being made here just doesn't seem credible: How can a movie about what the Internet does to us be so devoid of spontaneity? (J.K.)

From Up on Poppy Hill Nostalgic beauty rules this latest from the gentle animation juggernaut Studio Ghibli, in which Japan's children of World War II come of age and come to terms with their country's past. The plot is a sweet and simple high school love story; the setting is a nation readying for the 1964 Olympics and eager for acclimation in the modern world. With her mother studying abroad. self-starter Umi (voiced in English by Sarah Bolger) helps run her family's seaside boarding house. daily raising a pair of semaphore flags in memory of her father, a ship captain lost in the Korean War. Sparks delicately fly when brash classmate Shun (voiced by Anton Yelchin) writes a poem about Umi's flags for the school paper, which he publishes from a charmingly dilapidated clubhouse dedicated to extracurriculars - including a fierce student debate about whether to preserve the building or demolish it. As live-action, director

Goro Miyazaki's tale (from a graphic novel by Chizuru Takahashi and Tetsuro Sayama) would seem too slight, its past-becomes-future theme too obvious. Given the Ghibli touch, however, it's gloriously light — long on reflective sincerity and tastefully moderated melodrama, short on all the panicked solicitation of kids' attentions common to American animated films. (J.K.)

My Brother the Devil First-time directors often work in existing genres for their feature debuts, and up to a certain point, Sally El Hosaini's My Brother the Devil hits all the beats of the "conflicted gangster doesn't want his younger sibling to follow him into the crime business" formula. This is not a bad thing, particularly because the accents in the London borough of Hackney can seem porridgethick to American ears, so familiarity with the oft-told story comes in handy when the dialogue isn't clear. (It's reminiscent of Attack the Block, a movie set in a similar milieu and which is best watched with the subtitles on.) Comprehension is thankfully not a problem with the main characters, members of an Arab family: older brother Rashid (James Floyd), the conflicted gangster who wants out of the life of crime, and his younger brother Mo (Fady Elsayed), who very much wants in, El Hosaini's film does offers some new spins on the formula: A certain character survives a personal revelation that would have condemned him to a final-reel death had the movie been made a few decades ago, and the question of which of the brothers is the devil is left unanswered. As the genre evolves, My Brother the Devil should help to set a new template. (S.C.)

No Place on Earth Cinematographically, caves are a challenge. So are Nazi survival stories. Set the latter in the former and you've got a double-decker challenge - not impossible, but neither, alas, is it one to which Janet Tobias' well-intended documentary can rise. The film begins with a friendly New York-based spelunker who got in touch with his European heritage by exploring a Ukrainian cave, where he was quite surprised to find human artifacts that had been down there for 70 years. Subsequent inquiries acquainted him with the true tale, also recounted in Esther Stermer's 1975 memoir. We Fight to Survive. of two Jewish families who hid from the Nazis by staying literally underground for nearly a year and a half. Tobias doesn't skimp on the many innately inspiring details of these people's resolve and resiliency. but her uninspired storytelling — vague voiceover narration, dull and too-dark reenactments makes it hard to connect. The film rightly tries for a climax with footage of the spelunker returning to the cave accompanied by some survivors and their grandkids, but by then all narrative momentum has stalled, and the moment lingers limply. But humanity keeps producing stories like this, so we owe it to ourselves to tell them. Recommended instead, therefore, is Agnieszka Holland's 2011 drama In Darkness, also true, of Poles who took refuge in the sewers. (J.K.)

The Place Beyond the Pines The Globe of Death is a carnival attraction in which daredevils ride motorcycles along the inside of a spherical cage, defying gravity through a combination of centrifugal force and chutzpah. It's how we're introduced to the character of Luke (Ryan Gosling) in Blue Valentine director Derek Cianfrance's The Place Beyond the Pines: zooming along the inside of a Globe, somehow never hitting the other two riders in the tiny cage. The problem is that the hyper-masculine and thoroughly dickish Luke does metaphorically collide with other people in the world outside the cage, his bad decisions and general stupidity impacting the lives of his baby-mama (Eva Mendes), her husband (Mahershala Ali), a rookie cop named Avery (Bradley Cooper) whose Serpico-esque ethics can't overcome his political ambitions, and eventually both Luke's and Avery's sons (Dane De Haan and Emory Cohen). The spooky Mike Pattonscore contributes to the Lynchian ambience lent by the wooded upstate New York locations, and both Gosling and Cooper lend plenty of hunkiness to this meditation on the ways fathers can screw up their sons. Striving for the scope of a novel, The Place Beyond the Pines is too long-winded for its own good, though it includes enough car chases and bang-bang action that fathers and sons shouldn't get bored, (S.C.)

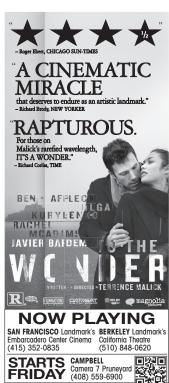
Reality A richly empathetic experience, last year's Cannes Grand Prix winner from director Matteo Garrone (and a handful of co-writers) takes serious vet humorous pride in bearing witness to an aching soul. At the urging of his boisterous family, a Naples fishmonger and small-time scam artist reluctantly auditions for the Italian version of Big Brother. Then, while awaiting word from the show's producers, he decides they're spying on him, and becomes obsessed with landing the part. If a dark media-culture comedy seems a little soft for Garrone, who before this directed the bleak mafia drama Gomorrah, it may help to know that his lead performer here took up acting while serving a life sentence for actually being a mob hit-man. That's the extraordinary and charismatic Aniello Arena, who plays the would-be contestant like somebody who clearly has a stake in redemption. The storytelling style is fluid and expansive, with a well-controlled visual scheme - all the whites seem slightly yellowed, like the whole world has hepatitis. Garrone's comment on the culture of Reality TV isn't especially novel, but what's crucial is how he's managed to personalize and nationalize it, how shrewdly he makes perverse fame-madness seem like one more aspect of timeworn Catholicism, and also a birthright for a generation weaned on Fellini. (J.K.)

Renoir Imagine how daunting it must have been to make Renoir. We'll be expecting every frame to radiate old bourgeois serenity like a painting by the famous Impressionist father, every group dynamic to go over as gracefully as those put on by the famous filmmaker son, Gallantly, at least, director Gilles Bourdos gives an inviting impression of himself having summered in the leafy. sun-soaked French Riviera about a century ago. where his movie's action takes place. That's assuming "action" isn't too strong a word. Here, Renoir père et fils, Pierre-Auguste (Michel Bouquet) and Jean (Vincent Rottiers) find themselves coping in parallel with bodily letdowns — the elder's from age and arthritis, the younger's from a war injury and tending to do a lot of gazing, particularly at one Andrée Heuschling (Christa Théret), that shapely, self-possessed model for the former who would become the latter's star and wife. Aesthetic philosophies do emerge, with Auguste making pronouncements ("Flesh! That's all that matters!") and Jean observing provocations (Andrée asks, "You want to eat me?") with a sort of preparatory attention, but without verbal reply. Meanwhile, gradual camera moves promote metabolic slowdown, and Alexandre Desplat's score seems to say. "Viewers who liked Downton Abbey...." On quard against sentimentalism. Bourdos does let in enough of the gorgeous and sexy stuff. It is a French movie, after all. (J.K.)

crowd-pleaser likens its protagonist to a Holstein bull famous for his widely disseminated semen. This improbably agreeable comedy is done in the approximate style of Reagan-era Hollywood. complete with falsely modest patriarchal condescension, but very helpfully filtered through a sweetly scruffy Montreal ethos. Also born of the '80s are the more than 100 children sired by our hero, a one-time sperm-donation pro who's now a hapless 40-something bachelor and big-hearted lug played by Patrick Huard, Just as his ex-love (Julie LeBreton) tells him she's pregnant, all those previous kids file a class-action suit to find out who he is. Stepping up to dadhood starts with peeking into their lives and pretending to be a guardian angel. From there it only gets more preposterous. but in creatively various ways. Scott's narrative discretion and well-played bits of shtick somehow sustain his silly fantasy of expansively functional family, and the whole thing goes down more easily than it has any right to. (J.K.)

Starbuck The title of Ken Scott's French Canadian

To the Wonder The magic hour" is a cinematography term for the day's final stretch of sunlight, when the light has certain glowy emotionality. Terence Malick made extensive use of the magic hour in 1973's Badlands, 1978's Days of Heaven, 2005's The New World, 2011's The Tree of Life, and now in To the Wonder. That's the vast majority of his intermittent career, and for as gorgeous as the images always are - Malick's camera can find beauty in the most mundane settings, hence To The Wonder's many Kubrickian tracking shots inside fluorescent-life supermarkets - his love of the magic hour is bordering on schtick. It's poetic and breathtaking schtick, no question, but still schticky. Inasmuch as there's a narrative, American man Neil (Ben Affleck) and French woman Marina (Olga Kurylenko) are lovers who alternatively mope and cavort while voiceover-pondering This Thing Called Love, They fight and they mend, they split and they reunite.





but mostly they ponder. Kurylenko cayorts almost as much as she ponders, often veering into Manic Pixie Dream Girl territory with her endless cavorting. To the Wonder is Malick doing as Malick does. and what he does is beautiful - but it would also be fun to see him do a remake of High Noon, Maybe he'd find a new schtick. (S.C.)

Trance Directing the opening ceremonies of the London 2012 Olympics cemented Danny Boyle's position as England's top director, trusted to be his country's ambassador to the world. If that spectacle was intended to celebrate all things British — James Bond and the Queen jumping out of a helicopter! Harry Potter! Single-payer health care! — then it's only fitting that Boyle's new movie, Trance, is his first to be set in Her Majesty's realm since 2004's Millions. The England of Trance is sleek and neon-drenched, a multicultural city of danger, excitement, and the promise of full-frontal nudity by Rosario Dawson. The story is gleefully silly, concerning an art heist gone wrong and the efforts by French mobster Franck (Vincent Cassel) and American hypnotherapist Elizabeth (Dawson) to discover where British amnesiac Simon (James McAvoy) has hidden the loot. There are traces of Christopher Nolan's Inception and Steven Soderbergh's Side Effects, but where the latter film displayed a director bored with the whole filmmaking process. Boyle is clearly still having fun, and is making the most of his blank check while it lasts. His ear for pop music still has perfect pitch, as Trance calls dibs on Moby's "The Day" every bit as much as Boyle's Trainspotting owns "Lust for Life" — which Trance has plenty of. (S.C.)

Upstream Color Early on in Upstream Color, a woman named Kris (Amy Seimetz) sits at a computer and works on a CGI rendering of some impossible creature for a movie we'll never see. It feels like a message from director Shane Carruth: This will not be an effects-laden fantasy movie, but rather the kind of brain-twisting sci-fi movie you'd hope for from the director of Primer. But where that deeply intellectual film used ample dialogue and voiceover narration to help the audience stay more or less grounded in its twisty timelines, the far more emotional Upstream Color is frequently word-free. trusting the audience to parse cinema's native languages of image, montage, and sound as Kris and her boyfriend Jeff (Carruth) try to make sense of past and present traumas. And while the cinematography is gorgeous and the editing is sharp, the key to the film is its sound design, personified by a mysterious field recordist (Andrew Sensenig) who may or may not be the puppet-master of Kris and Jeff (but definitely is to a sty of pigs). What Upstream Color is even about is up to the individual, and its opacity will surely enrage as many viewers as it will enchant. But we expect nothing less from Carruth. (S.C.)

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Artists' Television Access. Periwinkle Cinema: April Showers Bring Gay Powers: The community-run queer film series describes this month's entry as a "magical collection of gueer shorts exploring the spriritual, heroic, and often times overlooked super powers that are harbored in gueer identities and sexualities." Wed., April 17, 8 p.m. \$7. facebook.

com/PeriwinkleCinema. We Are Winning, Don't Forget: A showcase of nine short films by Jean-Gabriel Périot, Fri., April 19, 8 p.m. \$6-\$10, Other Cinema: Optronica: Features a world premiere of Signal Mountain, the collaboration between local experimental filmmaker Allison Leigh Holt and rust artist/noise musician Jim Havnes, plus new proiections by Craig Baldwin, live oscillator soundtracks. by John Davis, and more, Sat., April 20, 8:30 p.m. \$7. othercinema.com. 992 Valencia, San Francisco, 824-3890, www.atasite.org.

Balboa Theater. The Cliff House and Sutro Heights: A full-length documentary by Tom Wyrsch, director of Remembering Playland at the Beach and Sutro's: The Palace at Lands End. Through April 18. \$7.50-\$10. www.garfieldlaneproductions.net. 3630 Balboa St., San Francisco, 221-2184, www. balboamovies.com

Bottle Cap. Dinner and a Movie: Weekly screenings in the Bottle Cap dining room. Sundays, 7 p.m. 1707 Powell, San Francisco, 529-2237, www. bottlecapsf.com.

The Castro Theatre. Blow-Up and Deep Red: Double feature from Italian art house directors Michelangelo Antonioni and Dario Argento, with both films starring sleepy-eved British actor David Hemmings, Wed., April 17, 7 & 9:10 p.m. Annual Epidemic Film Festival: A showcase of student work from the School of Motion Pictures & Television, Thu., April 18, 4 p.m. Midnites for Maniacs: A "TWIRP: Tribute to Sadie Hawkins" triple bill to revive your love (or, more likely, loathing) of adolescent formal dances via screenings of Romy and Michele's High School Reunion, Pretty in Pink, and the original Carrie. Fri., April 19, 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 p.m. \$12. midnitesformaniacs.com. The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert and Hedwig and the Angry Inch: Before they were Agent Smith and that guy in Memento (what was his name again? We forgot). Hugo Weaving and Guy Pearce played Aussie drag gueens who set off across the desert in a fabulous tour bus named Priscilla. Flamboyant hilarity ensues. A wee bit of Hedwig, John Cameron Mitchell's transsexual rock opera, fills in the middle of this three-screening double feature. Sat., April 20, 5, 7:10 & 9 p.m. Lawrence of Arabia: A newly restored version of the legendary desert epic starring Peter O'Toole, Sun., April 21, 2 & 7 p.m. Chasing Ice and Samsara: An Earth Day double feature pairing Jeff Orlowski's documentary about climate change with Ron (Baraka) Fricke's meditation of spiritual connectedness. Mon.. April 22, 7 & 8:40 p.m. 429 Castro, San Francisco. 621-6120, www.castrotheatre.com

City Lights Books. B. Ruby Rich: The film writer discusses her non-fiction book, New Queer Cinema: The Director's Cut. Thu., April 18, 7 p.m. free. 261 Columbus, San Francisco, 362-8193, www. citylights.com.

Clay Theatre. The Big Lebowski: Return of the Coen Brothers' eminently quotable comedy. April 20, midnight. \$9-\$10. 2261 Fillmore St, San Francisco, 267-4893, www.landmarktheatres.com/Market/ SanFrancisco/SanFrancisco_Frameset.htm.

Cobb's Comedy Club. Doug Loves Movies Podcast Taping: Comedian Doug Benson makes a live recording of his cinema-centric podcast. Fri., April 19, 8 p.m. \$25. 915 Columbus, San Francisco, 928-4320, www.cobbscomedv.com.

Dark Room Theater, Bad Movie Night: The Angry Red Planet: Sherilyn Connelly, Mikl-Fm, and Tristan Buckner go back in time to mock Martians in the 1959 low-budget creature feature The Angry Red Embarcadero Center Cinema. To the Wonder: Divisive director Terrence Malick (Tree of Life) continues to impress and perplex audiences with his latest film starring Ben Affleck, Olga Kurylenko, Javier Bardem, and Rachel McAdams, Daily, The Place Beyond the Pines: Director Derek Cianfrance reunites with his Blue Valentine star Ryan "Hey Girl" Gosling for this dark crime drama also featuring Bradley Cooper, Eva Mendes, and Ray Liotta, Daily, No Place on Earth: The true story of 38 Ukrainian Jews who survived WWII by living in

The Emerald Tablet. Movie Lab: Make a Film from Public Archives: University of the Commons invites the public to remix and re-edit the Internet Archives' collection of copyright-free videos to create a new work of their own. Includes five weekly workshop sessions followed by final screenings on May 11. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.; Sat., May 11, 7 p.m. Continues through May 7. free. 80 Fresno St., San Francisco, 500-2323, www.emtab.org.

EmbarcaderoCenterCinema.htm.

Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, Jews & Money: Documentary about the 2006 kidnapping and murder of a young French Jew — and the prejudices about alleged Jewish wealth that instigated it. Filmmaker Lewis Cohen will also be in attendance to answer questions afterwards. Wed., April 17, 7 p.m. \$8-\$12. 3200 California, San Francisco, 292-1200, www.jccsf.org.

Opera Plaza Cinemas. Starbuck: After years of donating sperm for extra cash, a feckless 40-something discovers he's secretly sired over 500 kids in this French-Canadian comedy hit (soon to be remade in English). Daily. My Brother the Devil: This feature debut from director Sally El Hosaini focuses on the lives of two Arabic brothers — one a street gang banger who wants out, the other his adulative younger sibling who wants in — living in the ethnic mixing pot of London's Hackney borough. Through April 18. Quartet: Dustin Hoffman's directorial debut is a dramedy based on the play of the same name by Ronald Harwood, Daily. The Silence: A copycat kidnapping committed 23 years after the original stirs up bad memories and more in this subtitled European thriller, Daily, 601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, 777-3456, www. landmarktheatres.com/market/SanFrancisco/ OperaPlazaCinema.htm.

Roxie Theater, Upstream Color: Kris is derailed from her life when she is drugged by a small-time thief - but something bigger is going on. From the director of the cult sci-fi/time travel film Primer. Through April 18. \$6.50-\$10. The Shining: Stanley Kubrick's masterful, menacing psychological horror film (very) loosely based on the Stephen King novel. Thu., April 18, 9:15 p.m. \$6.50-\$10. Room 237: San Francisco premiere of the way-out-there documentary investigating the strange conspiracy theories that surround Stanley Kubrick's film The Shining, which (allegedly) includes secret coded messages about hoaxed moon landings. Native American genocide, the Holocaust, and beyond. April 19-25. Le Noir du Nuit: A night of classic film noir, Tue., April 23, 6:30 p.m. \$11, 3117 16th St., San Francisco, 863-1087, www.roxie.com.

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA). The Clock: Christian Marclay's 24-hour-long film is an acclaimed, epic montage of movie clips cut and reassembled to unfold in real time. Through June 2. \$11-\$18. www.sfmoma.org/about/press/ press exhibitions/releases/942. 151 3rd St., San Francisco, 357-4000, www.sfmoma.org.

The Vortex Room. Assault on Vortex 13: Samurai Cop and Mitchell: Double feature of retro/cult action films. (See if you can watch Mitchell without quoting MST3K. We dare you.). Thu., April 18, 9 p.m. \$10 donation. 1082 Howard, San Francisco, N/A, https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Vortex-Room/217115454982128.

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. Thai Dreams: The Films of Pen-ek Ratanaruang: Featuring the local premiere of his newest film and five earlier works. Some of the themes he consistently revisits include the frailty of human relationships, multiple levels of consciousness, urban vs. natural landscapes, and shifting identities. Through April 21, \$8-\$10, 701 Mission, San Francisco, 978-2787, www.vbca.org.









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Sugar & Spice

A new French patisserie in Lower Pacific Heights traffics in everything nice.

BY ANNA ROTH

he father of modern French pastry is often considered Marie-Antoine Carême, a chef in the early 19th century who baked Napoleon's wedding cake, pioneered vibrant window displays in the patisseries of Paris, and is widely credited with inventing nougat and meringue. Carême, in turn, was only advancing the innovations of French and Italian bakers during the Renaissance, who were working from ideas brought back to medieval Europe by Crusaders who'd seen layered filo sweets like baklava in the Middle East.

Point being, French pastries have been evolving for hundreds of years. And while the food world these days is always hungry for the new, there are some culinary genres that need no improvement.

It's a fact Belinda Leong banked on when she opened her much-anticipated traditional French bakery, B. Patisserie, in lower Pacific Heights. Though other hyper-stylized patisseries have opened in the past year — the candy-hued Tout Sweet in Macy's Union Square, and the hip, spare Craftsman & Wolves in the Mission come to mind — Leong is sticking to the basics, and serving excellent pastries and vienneoise like you'd find on the streets of Paris.

The front of the shop's overflowing, specially designed marble pastry case is dominated by an artful pile of kouign amman, Leong's signature and one of the best things you'll eat this year. Kouign amman (pronounced "queen amann") is a croissant-like treat from Brittany — the difference being that instead of just folding butter into the dough before baking, as they do with croissants, chefs also fold in a healthy (or unhealthy) amount of sugar. The resulting dessert has a light sweetness and a soft, sugary center; it's a shining example of Leong's deft hand with dough.

But it's not the only one that shows off Leong's talent. The shop features an incredible roster of vienneoise, a French term for baked goods like croissants and brioche made from yeasted dough that also includes sugar, fat, or eggs (not to be confused with treats like cream puffs and éclairs, which belong to a whole other category; that's the French for you). The passion fruit-almond bostock might not be the sexiest pastry in the case - just a round of brioche dusted with sliced almonds and powdered sugar — but its rustic appearance hides an intense passion fruit flavor thanks to a soak in infused syrup. The 10-hour apple tart tastes like fall in the French countryside, with a nutty pastry crust topped with almond strudel and filled with slow-cooked apple confit inside.

Then there are the glorious croissants. The plain butter croissant is a textbook



Anna Latir

example of the form, and so enjoyable it makes you reflect on the tragedy of all the doughy, tasteless croissants you've eaten in your life. Leong's tastes of the best butter, with flaky, soft layers that peel away and melt on your tongue. It's so simple and good on its own that it almost makes the hazelnut-chocolate variation look obscene by contrast, but the interplay between bittersweet chocolate and hazelnut paste makes it one of the better filled croissants I've ever had.

Leong's talent with pastry comes as much from training as natural instinct. She spent time at Gary Danko and Manresa and staged with the legendary Pierre Hermes in Paris before co-opening this spot with San Francisco Baking Institute co-founder Michael Saus, who bakes the crusty baguettes and bread used for open-faced sandwiches. Their reputation preceded them; for the first few days of B. Patisserie's existence in February, they'd sold out of their inventory by noon, but they've risen to meet demand.

Which is a good thing, because it's a pleasant place to sit and eat. The room is decorated like a European cafe, with large windows, marble tables, and big gilded mirrors on the walls. Half of the airy room is taken up by the production kitchen, and watching the pasty chefs forming sweet delicacies back there is reason enough to eat in. The kitchen is set apart from the dining room by a specially created, temperature-controlled marble countertop/display case, so the cakes and mousses stay cool as they wait to be eaten.

And the pastries are where the real fun begins: It's hard to know how to choose, they all look so good gleaming there under the glass. The chocolate-vanilla choux is a cream puff on steroids: a good two inches of sweet pastry cream, visibly flecked with vanilla beans, sits between the two halves of choux pastry (the kind used for profiteroles). The cream is just sweet enough, and studded with

Chocolate caramel toffee mousse, the grande macaron, and vanilla cake look almost as good as they taste.

crunchy, chocolate-covered rice balls to add some texture variation. The whole thing is a study in subtlety and satisfaction.

In the mood for chocolate? There's a pastry for that, the chocolate caramel toffee mousse, which has a shiny coat of ganache concealing a dome of bittersweet chocolate mousse, interspersed with toffee chips and caramel and set on a flourless chocolate biscuit. Each bite is different — sometimes you get more chocolate than caramel, or crunch down on a toffee chip — and eating it is a joyful experience.

But the truth is, I never had a bad or even mediocre dessert there. Vanilla cake is rich with vanilla mascarpone and a thin layer of jam-like cassis. The lemon tart is perfection: creamy, almost puckeringly sour, with little bits of lemon peel confit to add texture. And the grand macaron is the prettiest dessert I've seen in a while — two macaron halves conceal a rose crème mousseline inside, ringed with raspberries, and topped with a rose petal.

Lest you're concerned with staving off the inevitable sugar crash, there's Four Barrel coffee and savory, open-faced tartine sandwiches that come with a side salad. Try the woodsy mushroom/goat cheese version, or, if you're really set on letting go, the flammenkuche, which is blanketed with bacon lardons. At \$6.50 a pastry and \$11 a sandwich, none of it comes especially cheap — but it beats a plane ticket to Paris any day.

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from beans produced in Honduras by his friend and farmer Sebastian Benitez.

Tales of the Coffee

BY MOLLY GORE

he past two years have proven San Francisco to be fairly fertile ground for craft coffee. Armfuls of small roasters and "Third Wave" cafés are popping open monthly, and their missions are clear: to teach us to love coffee as we love wine — to care about where it comes from and the prolific subtleties of its taste.

It takes a person with a certain kind of experience to bring us in touch with coffee's roots. But this summer, a certain new spot opening on Polk Street in Russian Hill is going to bring the story a little closer to home.

The café is Saint Frank, and the man behind it is Kevin "Tex" Bohlin. He's a former middle school teacher who, as a veritable coffee nerd, found his way into the coffee world. Years later, Bohlin is a 2012 United States Barista Championship competitor, coming off a stretch working with Ritual Coffee Roasters, where he has also been traveling to Central America on buying trips with the company's green coffee buyer. During this time, he's developed a few close relationships with farmers in Honduras.

Saint Frank's opening menu will showcase purely Honduran coffees sourced from these few farms, presented in a way that attempts to bring customers closer to the origin of their drink. The model may sound similar to other cafés in the Bay Area, but Bohlin's model differs partly in being so hyperpersonal, small in size, and ambitious.

Lighting up the "story of coffee" serves often as a marketing scheme, but Bohlin is quite sincere. He hopes to bring baristas to the coffee's origin, perhaps even customers if the resources align. Nurturing relationships with producers is the core of Bohlin's personal philosophy that, in coffee, human relationships are everything, and quality of life is a central value at every step of the supply chain.

To that end, Bohlin has also brought the San Franciscan coffee experience to Honduras, packing his bags with beans roasted by Ritual and portering them back to the farms where they were originally harvested. He tells us of the time he brewed coffee for Sebastian Benitez, a friend and farmer in Honduras:

Kevin Bohlin (right) drinks coffee made

"Most small producers don't keep the best of their crop and certainly don't have expensive production roasters or brewing equipment and thus have never tasted their coffee in its clearest expression and potential. I explained everything I was doing as I prepared the coffee and told stories of customers who love his coffee. I wanted him to see how important his work is and that he is a major part of something very special. No doubt it was a special moment, you could see it in his eyes and how he held the bag of Ritual coffee with his name on it. It was very special for me too," says Bohlin via e-mail.

Bohlin just returned from Honduras buying the first round of fresh crop >> p38

RECENT OPENINGS

A weekly listing of new dining spots around town. To recommend a place, e-mail fresheats@ sfweekly.com.

1601 Bar & Kitchen: After many delays, San Francisco's first Sri Lankan restaurant is now open in SOMA. Expect a cuisine with elements of Thai and Indian cooking — a must-order is an egg hopper, a soft-cooked egg in a rice paper crepe served with assorted chutneys. 1601 Howard, 552-1601. 1601sf.com.

20 Spot: A new Mission wine bar with a mid-century design and small bites like deviled duck eggs, rabbit pate, and poached pear pound cake, along with a 100 bottle-strong wine list with 25 by-the-glass selections. 3565 20th, 624-3140. 20spot.com.

Flour + Co.: This cheerful new Russian Hill cafe peddles sweets like bread pudding and lemon bars, along with breakfast (muesli, biscuits and gravy) and lunch (chicken pot pie, sandwiches, and salads). 1030 Hyde, 992-7620. flourandco.com.

Pica Pica Maize Kitchen: The Bay Area's popular arepa purveyor just opened its third location in the Castro. Unlike its other locations, this one offers table service, and an expanded menu that includes nachos made with taro chips and vucca beignets for dessert, 3970 17th, 525-3359. picapicakitchen.com.



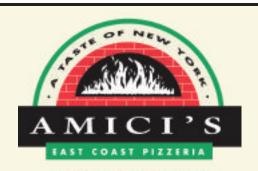


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coffees for Saint Frank, piggybacking on Ritual's shipping container on its way back to California — a maneuver that enables Bohlin to buy in much smaller lots. Ritual will also roast the coffee for Saint Frank while Bohlin concentrates on the new café.

We hear the café, set to open this summer, will be clean and classic, with soaring ceilings and skylights, a loft overlooking the bar and seating on both levels. Bohlin hints that we are in for a surprise as well, promising the space will offer a completely new approach to the coffee experience through an innovative bar design.

Bohlin wants Saint Frank to be a welcoming place, none of that alienating esoterism that pervades some quality-driven spots these days. It looks like hipsters may have a monopoly on quality coffee right now, but Bohlin assures us, "you don't have to be 25 with skinny jeans to feel comfortable at Saint Frank, but if you are you're totally welcome!"

Saint Frank, stfrankcoffee.com.

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Power Lunch, Reinvented

BY PETE KANE

he indecisive, the picky and the gluttonous can all make common cause at Heyday, a new spot in the Financial District where nearly everything is made from scratch daily. It's like Bi-Rite, but without the grocery aisles or the ice cream.

Lunch options skew smallish, but at one for \$6, two for \$10 and three for \$14, it is simply not possible to make a wrong choice in this warmly rustic space, furnished with tomato-red chairs, succulents and a decoupaged wall of Agricultural Almanac pages. Open kitchens can be surprisingly tough to pull off, but a lingering peek at Heyday's is irresistible.

If you want to hammer out some mergers and acquisitions over martinis and lobster thermidor, there's Tadich Grill only a few blocks away. If you want to forget about the anomie of the cubicle farm over a terrific coppa sandwich with just the right amount of mustard plus some quinoa salad with carrots, chickpeas and Moroccan spices, this is the place. Here, a raw kale salad with toasted seeds and yogurt avocado dressing sounds almost glorious, not like an act of self-flagellation. And there's Mr. Espresso coffee.

A few of the details are still in flux. (For starters, they may push the 7 a.m. opening up to 8). However, Heyday — whose chef cut his teeth at Chez Panisse — has already tackled the dinner hour, offering Roast Mary's Organic Chickens with warm farro salad and roasted carrots for pick-up.

How much happier would the other peons during the late-night brainstorming session with a whole chicken instead of the usual pizzas spotting grease through the box? Like, way happier.

Heyday, 180 Spear, 285-4515. heydaysf.com.







Bohemian, But No Rhapsody

BY KATY ST. CLAIR

re you familiar with the term "catfish?" That's a person with a phony Internet avatar/photo that is sexually attractive enough to make people want to interact with them instead of run to the nearest eye-wash station. It could be a shot of the person 20 years ago, before the meth. Or it could be a shot of some random, hot frat dude, while the real guy looks more like the comic book store owner on *The Simpsons*. Or the mom from *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*. Or Lotney "Sloth" Fratelli from *The Goonies*. Or Rick Santorum.

Frankie's Bohemian Café is a catfish. It sits on a tree-lined corner, painted a rich, inviting red. A green-and-white striped awning dips down over the façade like a dainty unibrow. Above it, painted in delightful old country script, is the name of the Czech-ish bar/bistro.

It's adorable. Cross the threshold. however, and charms begin to fade faster than Justin Bieber's star power. It's a oneroom saloon, with a bar with stools on the right and tables and chairs everywhere else. The walls are a garish purple-red. Two big TVs above the bar play sports, which is pretty necessary in most watering holes, but damn they are ugly. When sports are on TV there are also bars of information flashing at you along the bottom, windows popping in and out of people swinging golf clubs while the basketball game is going on, and quick flashes to big dudes in suits with even more screens behind them giving commentary about whatever. I felt like I was in a video game.

However, I persevered. I sat down at a table with my friend and we decided to order the chili cheese fries and then get the fuck out. We were really hungry but also wanted to catch up, but nothing in Frankie's compelled us to "pull up a chair and spill your guts." No, that would be better suited to the Lion Bar down the street. The food looked pretty good though, albeit pricey. \$10 for chili cheese fries? \$24 for a steak? At a place that looked like some kid's converted garage?

We were the only people there, except for the bartender who was fiddling with his cellphone and ignoring us. Eventually he came over and took our order.

Instead of talking we of course stared at the horrible television sets, because we are primates and shiny things that flit and flicker can keep us rapt until we notice our partner needs grooming. Kate Upton was on the TV, then it would switch to a massive guy (had to be ex-NFL) chuckling about her, and then back to another shot of her, then back to him, this time with his finger pointed up because he was obviously coming to some deep conclusion about her.

Frankie's was playing what I call modern-day dude rock, like the Killers, The Kings of Leon, and whatever twang-a-dang funky BS the Red Hot Chili Peppers have just put out. The bartender had walked out the front door with a hamburger on a plate, ostensibly for the Fishbowl next door, which used to be owned by Frankie's but now isn't, but folks still order the food. Anyway, a guy came in and looked around for the staff then eventually sat on a stool. Now my friend and I had something to watch instead of the TV. The bartender still didn't return and the guy was getting anxious. He started to pace and sigh really loudly, which is always exciting to watch. He had a folded up newspaper that he kept moving from underneath each arm. Finally he made an exasperated pitch for the door but of course the bartender walked back in at just that time. The man looked at his watch dramatically but decided to stay and order food. So there was that.

But the adventure wasn't over. The bartender went into the back

and then came out with a big bowl of french fries completely covered in greasy chili and cheese. Not gonna lie, it looked hella good. He plonked it down in front of the two of us and then walked away.

table so I guess we were supposed to share the entire trough like we were on a date. It took about 10 minutes

There were forks on the

to get some plates out of him; more then enough time to try the fries and figure out that there was not a lot of flavor there. It needed salt, which for bar food is really saying something. But, like sports on the teevee, once the carbs hit my mouth it was hard to stop my brain's rewards circuit: Dip fork put in mouth dip fork put in mouth. It wasn't until about the fifth bite that I began to feel sick. We both locked eyes, fork in hand, and then put our utensils down. There's no excuse for eating food like this if you aren't stoned.

He never brought the check, so I walked up to the bar and gave him my card. The end total seemed a bit high for chili fries and two sodas, \$15, but whatever. If by "Bohemian" they mean laid-back, almost nonexistent service at European-economy-in-shambles prices, then they nailed that shit.

Frankie's Bohemian Café

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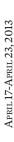
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The State of Snoop

Is it more awkward to be a goofy old gangsta or a self-serious regaae convert?

BY IAN S. PORT

he change isn't so shocking, is it? Even back in the early days of Snoop Doggy Dogg, when Calvin Broadus was putting hands in the air from the roof of a Long Beach record store, or dangling a long roll of jimmy hats with a sly smile, you detected a certain joie de vivre, a playfulness that made Snoop's gangsta persona a lot more fun and a little more approachable than his peers.

The lightness showed though his appending of "-izzle" to any and every noun, along with his unflappable flow, even in the celebratory themes of his best-loved songs, like "Gin and Juice." And yes, Snoop was also scary to large parts of White America when he arrived - recall that he was tried for murder (and acquitted) in 1993. But if Dre wore a stoic non-expression, and Ice Cube had that signature scowl, gangsta Snoop's natural visage seemed to be a self-confident grin. Later he even became "America's Most Lovable Pimp" — a Rolling Stone-awarded label so ironic that only such a weirdly prismatic figure could have inspired it.

Now, Snoop Dogg the rapper wants to be Snoop Lion the reggae singer. Sort of. In Reincarnation, the documentary film about his conversion, it becomes clear that Snoop sees the partial reinvention as a way for him to finally ascend to the cultural position he thinks is rightfully his. "I know Obama wants me to come to the White House, but what the fuck can I perform?" he asks early in the film, making the order of concerns clear. Snoop has grown into such a ubiquitous presence as a rapper, businessman, and reality TV star that perhaps a White House welcome does seem reasonable. (Hell, Obama, like everyone else under 50, probably has Snoop on his iPod.) There's only one problem, which is that the guy made his name advocating drugs, pimping, and violence.

By disavowing rap, then — not quite the act of rapping so much as the street culture - and embracing a music of earnest peace and positivity, Snoop believes he will finally be free to gain the stature he deserves. Unsurprisingly, Reincarnation shows a Snoop completely removed from the gangsta life. It reminds us that he's been married to Shante Taylor, albeit sometimes tumultuously, since he was a very young man. He did pimp professionally in the mid-2000s, but gave it up. After pleading no contest to felony charges in 2007, he no longer carries a gun. The only transgression we see is the seemingly endless consumption of mari-



juana (sometimes as many as 30 joints a day, he says), but even that hardly qualifies as rebellious anymore.

There are a lot of reasons to be skeptical of Snoop's reinvention, with all its ensuing hype and media coverage. Yet we found ourselves somewhat empathizing with the man. He wants to continue making music, but to rhyme about thuggery and pimping would be utterly disingenuous at this point in his career. At 41, he's survived where many of his peers in rap didn't, he's still popular, and he's rich. Why wouldn't he want to make genuine celebratory songs instead of hollow gloomy ones?

So Snoop travels to Jamaica, entourage in tow, to work on his reggae album and become initiated as a proper Rastafari. Along the way he hangs out with Bunny Wailer, meets some young artists in a Trench Town slum who make better music than he does, visits a school for challenged youth, grins constantly, and smokes approximately 91 pounds of mariiuana. It's a mostly fun romp, although the narrative bogs down toward the end.

"I KNOW OBAMA WANTS ME TO COME TO THE WHITE HOUSE, BUT WHAT THE FUCK **CANIPERFORM?"**

But as much as the story tries over and over to illustrate Snoop's solemn commitment to the Rastafari religion and to reggae music, it never convincingly overcomes his foreignness. Snoop appears as an overweening outsider, trying too hard in every situation to mask the recentness of his conversion and the obvious disparity between himself and his hosts. He grew up in poor, violent neighborhoods decades ago, but his edges have been rounded off. Aside from a few day trips, he sleeps and works in Jamaica at a posh resort/ recording studio that looks out over a sweeping view of the Caribbean.

One of the revelations of the film - and one that's backed up by the songs from the Reincarnated album put out prior to its April 23 release — is that Snoop is more of a featured performer than a chief architect. He issues dictates to a team that includes executive pro-



Snoop is 41, and far removed from the hood life. So singing about love and peace comes much more naturally than gangsta rap.

ducer Diplo and a battery of singers, songwriters, and musicians, including the Police's Stewart Copeland. Snoop sometimes says what he wants, but he's never the one in charge of making it happen.

This may be why the songs released so far sound more like Diplo's Major Lazer project than anything else. The rhythms and atmospherics are impeccable, even if the overall sound is basically off-the-shelf reggae and dub. Snoop is a capable rapper but a severely constrained singer at best. With so many guests, his contribution to any given song is hard to discern. The best of the new songs to see release so far, "La La La," so heavily samples "Artibella" by reggae singer Ken Boothe that it might as well be a remix. The rest of them are forgettable.

Let's recall, though, that reggae and hiphop are close cousins. It was a Jamaican immigrant – DJ Kool Herc – who brought the sound system party format to New York and turned it into hip-hop. Go back and listen to early '90s rap records, including Dr. Dre's debut The Chronic, on which Snoop is basically a co-star, and you'll hear plenty of Jamaican

Which is, again, why it's not all that surprising that an aging, successful rapper like Snoop would look to the ancestral, easygoing genre of reggae for inspiration. The likeable elements of Snoop's goofy persona unfortunately don't shine through all the serious Rastafari testifying or the wannabe-Marley retreads, though. And no matter how deeply Broadus tries to insert himself into his new character, he'll never quite get away from Snoop Dogg. The text on the poster for his 4/20 Fillmore concert this week is unmistakable: "Snoop performing his classic smash hits." He may not be a gangsta anymore, or even the lovable pimp — but those old rhymes die hard.

Snoop Dogg, aka Snoop Lion

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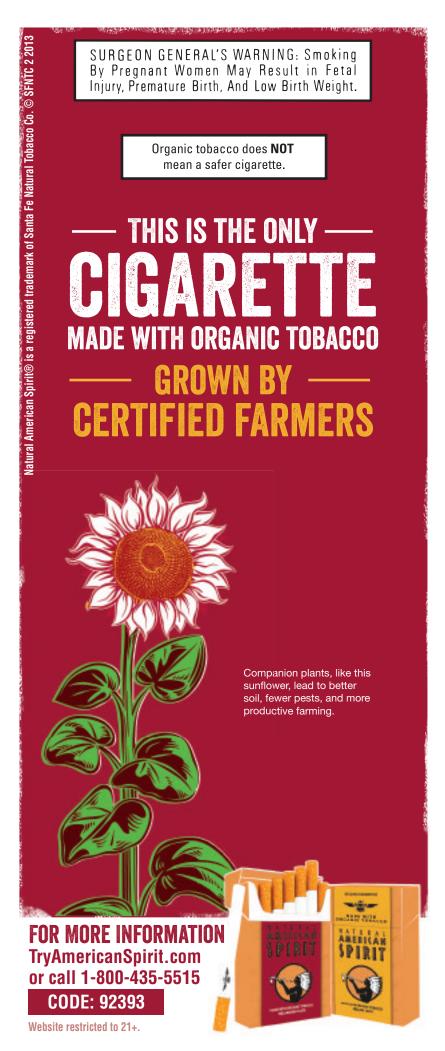
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Sizzle & Fizzle

HIGHS AND LOWS FROM THE LAST WEEK IN S.F. MUSIC.

SIZZLE

björk: biophilia | the new album

- This year's Outside Lands lineup going on hints dropped by press time - looks like a scrambled iPod time machine, or maybe a fantasy out of Inception. Baauer and Willie Nelson? Paul McCartney and Jurassic 5? Youth Lagoon and Red Hot Chili Peppers? The musical eras are all collapsing in on one another!
- Not to brag, but yes, we were at that secret basement show Franz Ferdinand played at S.F. vintage shop Vacation, and yes, it was every bit as awesome as you'd expect. We always knew the Scottish dance-rockers' "Take Me Out" was a great song, but it's even better when you're standing three feet from a sweatdrenched Alex Kapranos.
- Nineties-themed DJ night **Debaser** has a new offshoot: Last Nite, a party that looks back lovingly at 2000s-era indie rock and pop. It shows there's no limit to the recentness of the past we can romanticize - and also that decade-old Arcade Fire and Gwen Stefani tracks can still rock a dancefloor.

FIZZLE

■ Chi Cheng, bassist for Sacramento rockers Deftones, died early Saturday at the age of 42. Cheng had been in a partially conscious state since a car accident in 2008, but recently showed signs of recovering. Tributes poured in from all over the world of



heavy music even Slash expressed his sadness.

■ We're sad to report that S.F. garage-punk band the Mallard de-

cided to call it quits. The band had made waves nationally with its Castle Face Records debut, but frontwoman Greer Mc-Gettrick said she grew disenchanted with its material after South by Southwest.

■ Dumb songs about racism have a history that goes far beyond "Accidental Racist" - although few of them are quite as bad as what Brad Paislev and LL Cool J released. Remember the simple-minded Black Eyed Peas tune "Where Is the Love?" or Paul Mc-Cartney and Stevie Wonder's "Ebony and Ivory"? All forget that racism is a hugely complex and touchy topic - and that no one is going to fix it with a pop song.

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Motion is the name of the game in Joe Claussell's DJing.

BY DEREK OPPERMAN

ee, what I believe, is that I'm a servant to the music. That's who I am. I don't really claim to create anything, I think my purpose here is to reach people — to open them up or give them happiness. I think that should be the role of DJ." These are the words of veteran house DJ and producer Joe Claussell. They're humble in nature, and so is he-but what they fail to get across is that Claussell has a unique style in underground dance music.

His sound is vibrant and old-school, with a heavy emphasis on the improvisatory EOing enabled by boutique DJ frequency isolators. Behind the decks, he's constantly in action, spinning the controls for a variety of ends: one minute he's playing with the kick drum; next, he's applying tremolo to a battery of synthesizers; and later, he might just pull it all out to let the hi-hats simmer alone. It's intensely emotional and affecting, and to experience a set by him is to be thrown into a beautiful pandemonium, the likes of which only a handful of other players can deliver.

That style is a consequence of technique, and a number of other things - not least of which was Claussell's experience growing up in New York City. As a young man, he experi-

enced the full spectrum of nightlife, with time divided between places like the punk club CBGB and post-disco hothouse Paradise Garage. Later he found himself as the proprietor of the Dance Tracks record store, a vital hub in the thriving East Coast underground house scene. Then, in the late '90s, he started playing regularly as a part of the Body & SOUL trio alongside disco-era legends François K. and Danny Krivit. While all this was happening, he also developed his skills as a producer, first with Jerome Sydenham's Ibadan label and then with Claussell's own Spiritual Life and Sacred Rhythm imprints. Connecting all these points is an underground-oriented mentality that puts artistic expression before things like hype, personal fame, or critical acceptance.

Mechanically speaking, Claussell's style comes from a sense of motion he's always associated with sound. From a young age he found himself in movement while singing songs with his brother José Claussell, a drummer in Eddie Palmieri's salsa band. In fact, he denies that it's a conscious style, but rather something that's just inside him. "[It's] my emotion and what music does to me," he says. "This isn't some show thing, you know? If I had the power to not do it, I probably wouldn't, but [the music] is more powerful than me." That musical power is infectious, something that'll undoubtedly be made clear when he headlines Mighty on Saturday.

Deep presents Joe Claussell

with Marques Wyatt and Patrick Wilson. 10 p.m. Friday, April 19, at Mighty. \$15-\$20; mighty119.com

Mezzanine 10 Year Anniversary with Simian Mobile Disco at Mezzanine

9 p.m. Thursday, April 18, \$25; mezzaninesf.com

The corner of Market and Sixth can be a scary place at any time of day. Yet despite this fact (or perhaps because of it) the area has traditionally had a thriving nightlife scene. One of the focal points of this has been Mezzanine, the large venue just off the strip on Jessie Street. Over the years it has shone brightly, with a mixture of well-curated acts and top-notch sound from the first Funktion-One sound system in San Francisco. The club is celebrating its 10th Anniversary all this month, and will mark the occasion this week with a live performance by electrohouse fire-starters Simian Mobile Disco.

Deep Blue and Public Works present Jamie Jones at Public Works

9 p.m. Friday, April 19, \$15-\$25; publicsf.com

If you could climb the hierarchy of European house music DJs, you'd find Jamie Jones sitting somewhere near the top. The London-based slinger of druggy and low-slung grooves has been thrilling dancefloors for the past 10 years with his new-school sound of vocally driven dance music. He's tireless promoter of this style, releasing like-minded tracks on his in-voque Hot Creations imprint. Normally he's found behind the decks at some of the largest clubs in the world, so his set at Public Works this Friday offers a rare, intimate setting

OTHER WORTHY PARTY OPTIONS THIS WEEK

Stacey Pullen at The Endup 10 p.m. Saturday, April 20, \$20; endup.com

These days, a lot of focus is on reviving the vision of the first wave of Detroit techno artists, but this often comes at the expense of those who picked up the torch in the '90s. Stacey Pullen, a man also known as Kosmic Messenger, is one such producer. Over the years he's reconnected the wires between jazzy deep house and looping sci-fi techno for a distinct sound that effortlessly drifts between each. He's also a killer DJ, which means you'll be in good hands when he plays a three-hour set at marathon party "The Show" this Saturday.

Honey Soundsystem presents Silent Servant at Holy Cow

10 p.m. Sunday, April 21, \$5-\$10; honeysoundsystem.com

Journey to Los Angeles' wasted downtown expanse, and you'll find an entire network of warehouse parties alive from midnight to dawn. It pains us to say this, but our neighbor to the south has once again become a dominant electronic dance music hotspot. One of its biggest names is Silent Servant, a critical sensation of an artist who specializes in a particularly brooding kind of industrial techno, with many tracks that one might even classify as genuinely scary. But there's nothing to fear: a scare is worth it when the music is this good.

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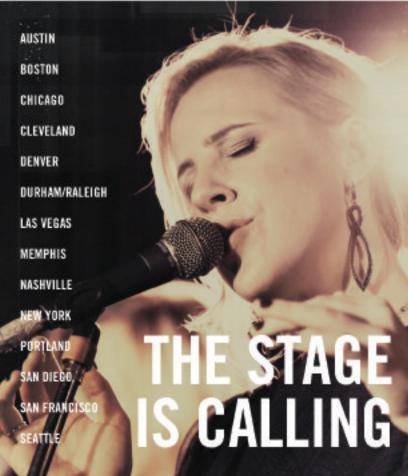












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CONCERTS

WED., APRIL 17

Bad Religion: W/ The Bronx, Polar Bear Club, 8 p.m., \$27.50-\$30. The Regency Ballroom. 1290 Sutter. 673-5716.

hardDrive Live 2013: W/ Bullet for My Valentine, Halestorm, Young Guns, Stars in Stereo, 6:30 p.m., \$29.50-\$32. Warfield Theatre, 982 Market. 345-0900.

Sigur Rós: W/ Oneohtrix Point Never, 8 p.m., \$49.50. Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, 99 Grove, 510-548-3010.

The Three O'Clock: W/ Flying Color, Tender Mercies (acoustic), 8 p.m., \$30. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell, 885-0750.

THU., APRIL 18

Bill Frisell: Interpreting Allen Ginsberg's "Kaddish" poem, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., \$40-\$80. SFJAZZ Center, 205 Franklin St..

Arlo Guthrie: Celebrating the legacy of Woody Guthrie, 8 p.m., \$46. UC Berkeley, Zellerbach Hall, 2430 Bancroft, Berkeley, 510-642-9988. Metric: W/ Mona, 8 p.m., \$29.50. Fox Theater - Oakland, 1807 Telegraph, Oakland, 510-548-3010.

Tokyo String Quartet: 8 p.m., \$48. Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness, 392-4400.

FRI., APRIL 19

Vyacheslav Butusov: 8 p.m., \$45-\$125. Palace of Fine Arts, 3301 Lvon. 567-6642.

The California Honeydrops: W/ Freddie Hughes Band, 9 p.m., \$16. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell, 885-0750.

Cypress Hill: W/Berner, 9 p.m., \$39.50-\$42. The Regency Ballroom, 1290 Sutter, 673-5716.

Cypress String Quartet: Call & Response 2013: 8 p.m., \$20-\$35 advance. Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness, 392-4400.

The Gaslight Anthem: W/ Matt Mays, Kenny Fletcher, 9 p.m., \$29.50-\$32. Warfield Theatre, 982 Market, 345-0900.

The Lumineers: W/ Dr. Dog, Sawmill Joe, 7 p.m., \$39.50. UC Berkeley, Greek Theatre, (Gayley & University), Berkeley, 510-642-9988.

Peace Offering Concert: W/ The Lena Sunday Quartet, The John Santos Quintet, Lawrence Beamen, 8 p.m., \$20-\$25. Laney College Theater, 900 Fallon St., Oakland, 510-834-5740.

The Wombats: W/ The Colourist, 9 p.m., \$35. The Fillmore, 1805

SAT., APRIL 20

A Benefit Concert to End Bullying: Featuring The Yale Whiffenpoofs with special guest Taye Diggs, 8 p.m., \$75-\$100. Palace of Fine Arts. 3301 Lyon. 567-6642.

Earth Day S.F.: Featuring live music by Albino!, Earth Amplified, Poor Man's Whiskey, Haunted by Heroes, DJ Dragonfly, Classical Revolution, and others, plus speakers, workshops, eco-friendly demonstrations, food, and more. 10 a.m., free. Civic Center Plaza, Larkin, N/A.

Bill Frisell: Interpreting Hunter S. Thompson's The Kentucky Derby Is Decadent and Depraved, 7:30 p.m., \$35-\$75. SFJAZZ Center, 205 Franklin St..

Infected Mushroom: W/ Randy Seidman, Liam Shy, 9 p.m., \$25-\$35. The Regency Ballroom, 1290 Sutter, 673-5716.

Oakland East Bay Symphony: Notes from the Middle East: 8 p.m., \$20-\$70. Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland, 510-465-6400.

The Revival Tour 2013: W/ Chuck Ragan, Dave Hause, Tim McIlrath, Jenny O, 9 p.m., \$20. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell, 885-0750

The Rumi Concert: Lion of the Heart: Featuring Rumi translator Coleman Barks, cellist David Darling, percussionist Glen Velez, and dancer/storyteller Zuleikha, 8 p.m., \$25-\$75. Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness, 392-4400.

Tango Lovers (Enamorados del Tango): 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., \$38-\$85. Marines' Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter, 673-6672. HEAR THIS



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TNGHT

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starts right at 4:20. IAN S. PORT

With the launch of TNGHT, young beatsmiths Hudson Mohawke and Lunice forged the Glasgow-Montreal connection vou've always longed for. The rising electronic musicians first became acquainted through MySpace circa 2008, but it wasn't until around 2012 that they began teaming up. After Lunice (a Canadian) caught a remix of Gucci Mane's "Party Animals" from Mohawke (a Scot), he became interested in collaborating with Mohakwe on a project driven by big-budget, Maybach Music Group-style theatrics. The resulting TNGHT, the duo's 2012 debut EP, delivers on the promise of spectacle. TNGHT's 16 minutes contain shattering glass, faded 8-bit melodies, huge and hypnotizing drums, too many heavily altered vocal samples to corral, and heaps of other nutty touches. These are bangers better fit for carnivals than clubs. REYAN ALI

Paula West: 11 a.m., \$10-\$15. Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness, 392-4400.

SUN., APRIL 21

Jason Chen: W/ Tiffany Alvord, 7 p.m., \$13-\$15. Great American Music Hall. 859 O'Farrell. 885-0750.

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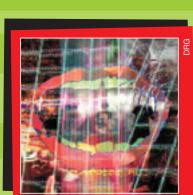
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Lee Fields & The Expressions: W/ Lady, The Bang, 8 p.m., \$25. Bimbo's 365 Club, 1025 Columbus, 474-0365.

Bill Frisell: Interpreting Hunter S. Thompson's The Kentucky Derby Is Decadent and Depraved, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., \$35-\$75. SFJAZZ Center, 205 Franklin St.,

Queensrÿche: W/ The Voodoos, 8 p.m., \$52.50. The Fillmore, 1805 Geary, 346-6000.

MON., APRIL 22

An Acoustic Evening with Medeski, Martin, and Wood: 8 p.m., \$35. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell, 885-0750.

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club: W/ Bass Drum of Death, 8 p.m., \$44.50. The Fillmore, 1805 Geary, 346-6000.

TUE., APRIL 23

An Acoustic Evening with Medeski, Martin, and Wood: 8 p.m., \$35. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell, 885-0750.

Choral Singers of Marin: 25th Anniversary Concert: 7:30 p.m., \$25-\$65. Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness, 864-6000.

Alex Clare: W/ The Knocks, 8 p.m., \$21-\$23. The Regency Ballroom, 1290 Sutter, 673-5716.

CLUBS

WEDNESDAY 17

ROCK

Brick & Mortar Music Hall: 1710 Mission. Night Beats, Cool Ghouls. Primitive Hearts, Big Drag, 9 p.m., \$7-\$10.

Cafe Du Nord: 2170 Market, 861-5016. Sleepy Sun, The Blah Boutique, The Surgeon Generals, 8:30 p.m., \$10-\$12.

Elbo Room: 647 Valencia, 552-7788. The Telescopes, LSD and the Search for God, Flavor Crystals, DJ Ricky Maymi, 9 p.m., \$7-\$10.

The Knockout: 3223 Mission, 550-6994. The Galloping Sea, The Foibles, Cassowary, 9:30 p.m., \$6.

Thee Parkside: 1600 17th St., 252-1330. Joe Buck Yourself, Vive Le Vox, Blue Diamond Fillups, 8 p.m., \$8.

DANCE

1015 Folsom: 1015 Folsom St., 431-1200. The 2 Bears, Sleazemore. Richie Panic, 10 p.m., \$15 advance.

Cat Club: 1190 Folsom, 703-8964. "Bondage A Go Go," w/ DJs Damon. Tomas Diablo, & guests, 9:30 p.m., \$5-\$10.

Club X: 715 Harrison, 339-8686. "Electro Pop Rocks: A Night at the Circus," w/Bozo the Beat Juggling Clown, John Beaver, Frank Nitty. Sound It Out, Non Sequitur, Linx, DJ Reign, Akuma, 9 p.m., \$15-\$20. F8: 1192 Folsom St., 857-1192. "Housepitality," w/ Kevin Knapp, Nikita,

Nick Williams, Eduardo Castillo, 9 p.m., \$5-\$10. Harlot: 46 Minna, 777-1077. "Qoöl," w/ David Gropper, Spesh,

Means+Function, 5 p.m. Make-Out Room: 3225 22nd St., 647-2888. "Burn Down the Disco," w/ DJs 2shy-shy & Melt w/U, Third Wednesday of every month,

Monroe: 473 Broadway, 772-9002. "Battle of the Decades," w/ DJ Chucky Brown, 8 p.m., free.

Q Bar: 456 Castro, 864-2877. "Booty Call," w/ Juanita More, Joshua J, guests, 9 p.m., \$3.

HIP-HOP

Double Dutch: 319216th St., 503-1670. "Cash IV Gold," w/ DJs Kool Karlo, Roost Uno, and Sean G. 10 p.m., free.

Neck of the Woods: 406 Clement St., 387-6343, Coast 2 Coast Live Interactive Artist Showcase, 9 p.m., \$10.

Skylark Bar: 3089 16th St., 621-9294, "Mixtage Wednesday," w/ resident DJs Strategy, Junot, Herb Digs, & guests, 9 p.m., \$5.

ACOUSTIC

Amoeba Music: 1855 Haight, 831-1200. Steve Earle, 6 p.m., free. BrainWash Cafe & Laundromat: 1122 Folsom, 861-3663. Mike Reeb, Karney, 7:30 p.m., free.

Milk Bar: 1840 Haight, 387-6455. S.F. Acoustic Sessions: Chelsea Coleman, Tom Rhodes, Aaron Ford, Jefferson Bergey, Liz Ryder, 8 p.m., \$5. Plough & Stars: 116 Clement, 751-1122. Blood & Dust, 9 p.m.

The Rite Spot Cafe: 2099 Folsom, 552-6066. Quinn DeVeaux, 8:30 p.m., free.

Slim's: 333 11th St., 255-0333. Roadkill Ghost Choir, Tiny Television, 8 p.m., \$12.

Swedish American Hall: 2174 Market, 861-5016. He Is We, Before the Brave, Dylan Jakobsen, 7:30 p.m., \$15.

Amnesia: 853 Valencia, 970-0012, Gaucho, Eric Garland's Jazz Session, Dink Dink, 7 p.m., free.

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THUR 4/18 CHRIS FORD (4PM - 8PM) CHRIS COBB (9:30PM - 1:30AM)

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Sheba Piano Lounge: 1419 Fillmore, 440-7414. Valerie Cooper, 8 p.m. Top of the Mark: One Nob Hill, 999 California, 616-6916. Ricardo Scales, Wednesdays, 6:30-11:30 p.m., \$5.

Yoshi's Jazz Club & Japanese Restaurant: 1330 Fillmore, 655-5600. Mike Phillips, 8 p.m., \$22-\$26.

INTERNATIONAL

Bissap Baobab: 3372 19th St., 826-9287. Timba Dance Party, w/DJ WaltDigz, 10 p.m., \$5.

Cafe Cocomo: 650 Indiana, 824-6910. "Bachatalicious," w/ DJs Good Sho & Rodney, 7 p.m., \$5-\$10.

John Colins: 138 Minna, 512-7493. "Coco do Brasil," w/ DJs Miles Green & Jerry Ross, 6 p.m., free.

BLUES

Biscuits and Blues: 401 Mason, 292-2583. Rick Estrin & The Nightcats, 8 & 10 p.m., \$20.

The Saloon: 1232 Grant, 989-7666. Edna Love, 9:30 p.m.

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DNA Lounge: 375 11th St., 626-1409, Seatraffic, Silver Hands. Shortcircles, 8 p.m., \$8-\$10.

Hemlock Tavern: 1131 Polk, 923-0923. Get Dead, The Shell Corporation, Uncommonmenfrommars, 8:30 p.m., \$10.

The Independent: 628 Divisadero, 771-1420. Savages, No Bra, 8 p.m., \$15. The Knockout: 3223 Mission, 550-6994. Pure Bliss, Synthetic ID, The

Mallard, Lenz, 10 p.m., \$6, Rickshaw Stop: 155 Fell, 861-2011. "Popscene," w/ Vacationer, Exray's,

Epicsauce DJs. 9 p.m., \$10-\$12. Slim's: 333 11th St., 255-0333. The Call featuring Robert Levon

Been. 8 p.m., \$30. Thee Parkside: 1600 17th St., 252-1330. Shannon & The Clams, The

Memories, Emotional, 9 p.m., \$8.

Aunt Charlie's Lounge: 133 Turk, 441-2922. "Tubesteak Connection," w/DJ Bus Station John, 9 p.m., \$5-\$7.

Brick & Mortar Music Hall: 1710 Mission. Lynx, Becky Knox, 9 p.m., \$7-\$10.

California Academy of Sciences: 55 Music Concourse, 379-8000, Big Bang: Party After Dark, with Mayer Hawthorne (DJ set), Poolside, DJ Izzy*Wise, bike-powered art, Del Popolo pizza, and much more, 8:30 p.m., \$75 (includes open bar).

The Cellar: 685 Sutter, 441-5678. "XO," w/ DJ Astro & Rose, 10 p.m., \$5. Danzhaus: 1275 Connecticut, 970-0222, Swing Goth's Sixth Anniversary, 7:30 p.m.

Elbo Room: 647 Valencia, 552-7788. "Afrolicious," w/ DJs Pleasuremaker, Señor Oz, and live guests, 9:30 p.m., \$5-\$7.

Endup: 401 Sixth St., 646-0999, "Dirtytronic," w/ Nikita, Josh Camacho, Zoukis, Jo ill, 10 p.m.

Madrone Art Bar: 500 Divisadero, 241-0202, "Night Fever," w/ M.O.M. DJs. 9 p.m., \$5 after \$10 p.m.

Mezzanine: 444 Jessie, 625-8880. Mezzanine 10-Year Anniversary Party with Simian Mobile Disco, Conor, Solar, 9 p.m., \$22.50 advance.

Mighty: 119 Utah, 762-0151. "Ritual," w/ Thriftworks, Nico Luminous, Lafa Taylor, Thumpadelic, Fungineers, Ro Knew, Deejay DC, Nobody Cares. 10 p.m., \$5-\$10.

Ruby Skye: 420 Mason, 693-0777. "Awakening," w/ Kyau & Albert, 9 p.m., \$15-\$20 advance.

Vessel: 85 Campton, 433-8585. "Base," w/Ralph Berr, 10 p.m., \$5-\$10.

HIP-HOP

1015 Folsom: 1015 Folsom St., 431-1200. Salva & Pusha T, DJ Sean G, Ruby Red I. Ant-1. Ana Sia. 10 p.m., \$20 advance.

Eastside West: 3154 Fillmore, 885-4000, "Throwback Thursdays," w/ D.I Madison, 9 p.m., free.

Skylark Bar: 3089 16th St., 621-9294, "Peaches," w/lady D.Is Dee-Android, Lady Fingaz, That Girl, Umami, Inkfat, and Andre, 10 p.m.,

ACOUSTIC

Atlas Cafe: 3049 20th St., 648-1047. The Country Casanovas, 8 p.m., free.

Bottom of the Hill: 1233 17th St., 621-4455, Anadel, All My Pretty Ones, Passenger & Pilot, 9:30 p.m., \$9.

Plough & Stars: 116 Clement, 751-1122. Tipsy House, Third Thursday of every month, 9 p.m., free.

JAZZ

Cafe Claude: 7 Claude, 392-3505. Jinx Jones Jazz Trio, 7:30 p.m., free. Le Colonial: 20 Cosmo, 931-3600. Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums, 7:30 p.m.

The Lucky Horseshoe: 453 Cortland. Ralph Carney's Serious Jass Project, 8:30 p.m., free/donation.

Red Devil Lounge: 1695 Polk, 921-1695. MegaFlame Big Band & Cabaret, East Bay Brass Band, 9 p.m., \$10-\$12.

The Rite Spot Cafe: 2099 Folsom, 552-6066. Nick Rossi, 9 p.m., free.

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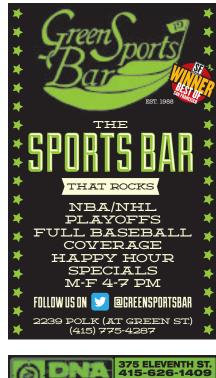
Bissap Baobab: 3372 19th St., 826-9287. "Pa'Lante!," w/ Juan G, El Kool Kyle, Mr. Lucky, 10 p.m., \$5.

Cafe Cocomo: 650 Indiana, 824-6910, Candela, D.J Hong, 8 p.m., \$12

BLUES

Biscuits and Blues: 401 Mason, 292-2583, Black Market III, 8 & 10 p.m., \$15.





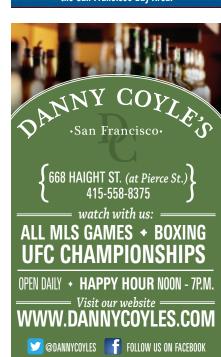


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The Saloon: 1232 Grant, 989-7666. Chris Ford, 4 p.m.; Chris Cobb, 9:30 p.m.

Sheba Piano Lounge: 1419 Fillmore, 440-7414, Adrian Costa, 8 p.m. Yoshi's Jazz Club & Japanese Restaurant: 1330 Fillmore, 655-5600. Zakiya Hooker, 8 p.m., \$22-\$26.

EXPERIMENTAL

Center for New Music: 55 Taylor St., 275-2466. The Guerrilla Composers Guild, 7:30 p.m., \$8-\$15.

The Luggage Store: 1007 Market, 255-5971. Ear Spray, Subnaught, 8 p.m., \$6-\$10.

FRIDAY 19

ROCK

Amnesia: 853 Valencia, 970-0012. "O.K. Hole," w/ Dangerous Boys Club, Bronze, Malditos, plus DJs Omar, C.L.A.W.S., Nay Nay, and Keith Slogan, 9 p.m., \$5.

Bottom of the Hill: 1233 17th St., 621-4455. Mother Mother, Birdmonster, Yassou Benedict, 9:30 p.m., \$12-\$14.

Cafe Du Nord: 2170 Market, 861-5016. Filligar, Grahame Lesh, Steakhouse, 9:30 p.m., \$10-\$12.

DNA Lounge: 375 11th St., 626-1409. The Tambo Rays, Girls in Suede, Travis Haves, DJ Emily Rose, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Elbo Room: 647 Valencia, 552-7788. Young Prisms, Sisu, Chasms, 10 n.m., \$8.

Hemlock Tavern: 1131 Polk, 923-0923. Buffalo Tooth, Organs, The Gregors, 9:30 p.m., \$7.

The Independent: 628 Divisadero, 771-1420. Deap Vally, 9 p.m., \$12-\$14.

Make-Out Room: 3225 22nd St., 647-2888. Dirty Ghosts, Apopka Darkroom, 7:30 p.m., \$8.

Slim's: 333 11th St., 255-0333. The King Khan & BBQ Show, Sir Lord Von Raven, Wild Eyes, 9 p.m., \$16.

Sub-Mission Art Space (Balazo 18 Gallery): 2183 Mission, 255-7227. La Plebe, Love Songs, The Nerv, Bankrupt District, 8 p.m., \$10.

DANCE

1015 Folsom: 1015 Folsom St., 431-1200, Bicvcle Dav, w/ Alex Grev. Shpongle (DJ set), Random Rab, Bluetech, Kaminanda, more, 10 p.m., \$45 advance

BeatBox: 314 11th St., 500-2675. "NWB + HNY," w/ No Way Back and Honey Soundsystem DJs Conor, Robot Hustle, Josh Cheon, Solar, Jason Kendig, and P-Play, 8 p.m., \$5-\$15.

Cat Club: 1190 Folsom, 703-8964, "The Witching Hour," w/ DJs Nako. Sage, Daniel Skellington, Tempvs, and Melting Girl, 9:30 p.m., \$7 (\$3 before 10 p.m.).

Endup: 401 Sixth St., 646-0999, "Fever," w/lan Bailey, Kevin Kind. DJ Cuervo, Icon, Mix Maddness, DRE, 10 p.m., free before midnight. Madrone Art Bar: 500 Divisadero, 241-0202. "That '80s Show," w/ DJs Dave Paul & Jeff Harris, Third Friday of every month, 9 p.m., \$5.

Mezzanine: 444 Jessie, 625-8880. Booka Shade, Robert DeLong, Nikola Baytala, 9 p.m., \$22 advance.

Mighty: 119 Utah, 762-0151. "Deep S.F.," w/ Joe Claussel, Marques Wyatt, Patrick Wilson, 10 p.m., \$15-\$20.

Monarch: 101 6th St., 284-9774. "Vox," w/ Bruno Pronsato, Brian Bejarano, Jimmy B, 9:30 p.m., \$8-\$15 advance.

Public Works: 161 Erie, 932-0955. "Deep Blue," w/ Jamie Jones,

DJ Rooz, DJ Bo, Galen, Mossmoss, Dax Lee, 9:30 p.m., \$15-\$25. Ruby Skye: 420 Mason, 693-0777. Ruby Skye 13-Year Anniversary: Fedde le Grand, Nick G, 9 p.m., \$35-\$50 advance.

Thee Parkside: 1600 17th St., 252-1330. A Tribe Called Red, Brogan Bentley, 9 p.m., \$10.

Underground SF: 424 Haight, 864-7386. "Galaxy Radio," w/ Bobby Browser, Lel Ephant, Smac, Plaza, Holly Bun, 9 p.m., \$5 after 11 p.m.

Bazaar Cafe: 5927 California, 831-5620, "Sing Out of Darkness." American Foundation for Suicide Prevention benefit with Julie Mayhew, Dane Ohri, David Colon, Kara Goslin, and Tommy P, 7 p.m., donation

Brick & Mortar Music Hall: 1710 Mission. "Goodbye Taxes, Hello Mary Jane," w/ The Jugtown Pirates, Three Times Bad, J.D. Limelight, Salacious Underground Burlesque, Marinette Tovar Sanchez, 9 p.m., \$10.

Plough & Stars: 116 Clement, 751-1122. "Bluegrass Bonanza," w/ Renegade Stringband, Samantha Harlow & Elli Perry, 9 p.m., \$6-\$10. Swedish American Hall: 2174 Market, 861-5016. Keith Harkin, Trace Bundy, 7:30 p.m., \$18.

Bird & Beckett: 653 Chenery, 586-3733. The Third Quartet, Third Friday of every month, 5:30 p.m., free.

Jazz Bistro At Les Joulins: 44 Filis, 397-5397, Charles Unger Experience, 7:30 p.m., free.

Red Poppy Art House: 2698 Folsom, 826-2402. Todd Sickafoose Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., \$12-\$20.

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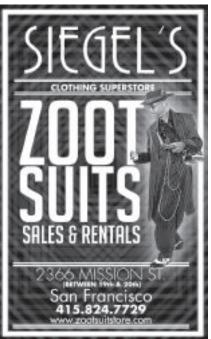
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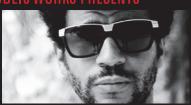


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Bissap Baobab: 3372 19th St., 826-9287, Qumbia Qrew, Third Friday of every month, 8 p.m.

Cafe Cocomo: 650 Indiana, 824-6910. Taste Fridays, featuring local cuisine tastings, salsa bands, dance lessons, and more, 7:30 p.m., \$15 (free entry to patio).

The Chapel: 777 Valencia St.. Tinariwen, 9 p.m., \$52-\$55.

Cigar Bar & Grill: 850 Montgomery, 398-0850. Orquesta La Clave,

The Emerald Tablet: 80 Fresno St., 500-2323. Flamenco del Oro, 8 p.m., \$10 suggested donation.

Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts: 2868 Mission, 821-1155. An Evening of Harp Music from Latin America, w/ Ensamble A Contratiempo, StringQuake, 7 p.m., \$12-\$15.

Biscuits and Blues: 401 Mason, 292-2583. John Lee Hooker Jr., 8 &10 n.m., \$20.

Boom Boom Room: 1601 Fillmore, 673-8000, Bill Phillippe, 6 p.m., free.

Lou's Fish Shack: 300 Jefferson St., 771-5687. Blind to Reason, 6 p.m. The Saloon: 1232 Grant, 989-7666. West Coast Blues Revue, 4 p.m.; Delta Wires, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 20

ROCK

Amnesia: 853 Valencia, 970-0012. Rad Cloud, Massenger, No/// Sé. 7 p.m.

Bender's: 806 S. Van Ness, 824-1800. Speed of Light, Burnt Reynolds, 10 p.m., \$5.

Bottom of the Hill: 1233 17th St., 621-4455. Shinobu, Wild Moth, The Exquisites, Great Apes, 9 p.m., \$9.

Brick & Mortar Music Hall: 1710 Mission. 4/20 Psychedelic Meltdown, w/ White Mystery, Warm Soda, Burnt Ones, Glitz, Cumstain, Sir Lord Von Raven, Peter Pants, Palm Reader, Sonic Angels, Bad Vibes, The Wrong Words, 4:20 p.m., \$10.

The Chapel: 777 Valencia St.. Ty Segall, Mike Donovan, Breakarts, benefit to raise funds for the indie film Stepsister, 9 p.m., \$15.

El Rio: 3158 Mission, 282-3325. Lord Nasty & The Seekers of Perversion, The Boars, Brian Kenney Fresno, 9 p.m., \$8.

Hemlock Tavern: 1131 Polk. 923-0923. Author & Punisher. Badr. Vogu, Wild Hunt, 5 p.m., \$8: Life Coach, 3 Leafs, Once and Future Band, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Rickshaw Stop: 155 Fell, 861-2011. Beach Day, Chains of Love, Bam!Bam!, 9 p.m., \$10.

Slim's: 333 11th St., 255-0333. Moonalice, 7:20 p.m., \$4.20.

Thee Parkside: 1600 17th St., 252-1330. Black Clothes Pointy Shoes, Whoosie What's It's, Imperils, 9 p.m., \$7.

DANCE

Broadway Studios: 435 Broadway, 291-0333. "420," w/ Hirshee, Downlow'd, Dirt Cheap, more, 8 p.m., \$15 advance.

Cafe Du Nord: 2170 Market, 861-5016. "Dark Room," w/ The Secret Society of the Sonic Six, plus DJs missFAlLed, Omar, Rachel Tension, and Le Perv, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Cat Club: 1190 Folsom, 703-8964. "New Wave City: Joy Division & New Order Night," w/ DJs Skip, Shindog, Callum McGowan, and Low-Life, 9 p.m., \$7-\$12.

DNA Lounge: 375 11th St., 626-1409. "Bootie S.F.," w/ Smash-Up Derby, DJ Mykill, Entyme & Dada, Monistat, Meikee Magnetic, Mixtress ShiZaam, DJ Devon, DJ Sparkle, Mr. Smith. 9 p.m., \$10-\$15.

Endup: 401 Sixth St., 646-0999. "The Show," w/ Stacey Pullen, Ben Seagren, Dean Samaras, David Scuba, John Kaberna, 10 p.m., \$10-\$20 (free before 11 p.m.).

Il Pirata: 2007 16th St., 626-2626. "Requiem," w/ DJs Xiola, Mel Draper, and Owen, 10 p.m., \$5.

The Independent: 628 Divisadero, 771-1420. Roni Size, Jamal, Audio Angel, Professor Bang, 9 p.m., \$22.50-\$25.

Madrone Art Bar: 500 Divisadero, 241-0202. "Fringe," w/ DJs Blondie K & subOctave, Third Saturday of every month, 9 p.m., \$5 (free before 10 p.m.).

Mezzanine: 444 Jessie, 625-8880. TNGHT, Bogl vs. Dials, 9 p.m., \$22.50. Milk Bar: 1840 Haight, 387-6455. "The Queen Is Dead: A Tribute to the Music of Morrissey and the Smiths," w/ DJ Mario Muse & guests, Third Saturday of every month, 9 p.m.

Powerhouse: 1347 Folsom, 552-8689. "Beatpig," Third Saturday of every month, 9 p.m.

Public Works: 161 Erie, 932-0955. Official Earth Day S.F. AfterParty. w/ Orchard Lounge, Vinvl. DJ Sep. Az-Iz (in the main room), 8 p.m., \$10-\$15: "Future Perfect." w/ Maria Minerva, Butterclock, Marco de la Vega, more (in the OddJob loft), 9 p.m., \$10-\$15.

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Underground SF: 424 Haight, 864-7386. "Kinky Disko," w/ DJs Rotten Robbie & Johnny Sonic, 10 p.m., \$5 (free before 10:30 p.m.).

HIP-HOP

Bruno's: 2389 Mission, 925-371-3999. "Static Beats," w/ DJs Clinton Lee & Boy Wonder, Third Saturday of every month, 10 p.m.

John Colins: 138 Minna, 512-7493. "The Bump," w/ The Whooligan, Third Saturday of every month, 10 p.m., free.

The Knockout: 3223 Mission, 550-6994. "The Booty Bassment," w/DJs Dimitri Dickinson & Ryan Poulsen, Third Saturday of every month. 10 p.m., \$5.

Yoshi's Jazz Club & Japanese Restaurant: 1330 Fillmore, 655-5600. "New Jack City," w/ DJ Sake One (in Yoshi's lounge), 10:30 p.m., \$20-\$35.

ACOUSTIC

Bazaar Cafe: 5927 California, 831-5620. Tyler Weiss, 7 p.m. Red Poppy Art House: 2698 Folsom, 826-2402, Mark Growden Duo. 8 p.m., \$12-\$15.

The Riptide: 3639 Taraval, 759-7263, Dark Hollow, 9 p.m., free.

JAZZ

Cafe Claude: 7 Claude, 392-3505. Vijay Anderson Quartet, 7:30 p.m., free.

Jazz Bistro At Les Joulins: 44 Ellis, 397-5397. Bill "Doc" Webster & Jazz Nostalgia, 7:30 p.m., free.

Rasselas Ethiopian Cuisine & Jazz Club: 1534 Fillmore, 346-8696. The Robert Stewart Experience, 9 p.m., \$7.

Savanna Jazz Club: 2937 Mission, 285-3369. Pascal Bokar Group, 7:30 p.m., \$10.

Zingari: 501 Post, 885-8850. Lisa Lindsley, 8 p.m., free.

INTERNATIONAL

Cafe Cocomo: 650 Indiana, 824-6910. Team Bahia, DJ WaltDigz, 8 p.m., \$15.

Cigar Bar & Grill: 850 Montgomery, 398-0850, Mazacote, 9 p.m. Revolution Cafe: 3248 22nd St., 642-0474. Go Van Gogh, Third Saturday of every month, 9 p.m., free/donation,

Yoshi's Jazz Club & Japanese Restaurant: 1330 Fillmore. 655-5600. The 50th Anniversary Concert with Teruhiko Saigo, 7 & 9 p.m., \$25-\$35.

BLUES

Biscuits and Blues: 401 Mason, 292-2583. Shemekia Copeland, 8 p.m., \$30.

Lou's Fish Shack: 300 Jefferson St., 771-5687. Willie G, 6 p.m. The Saloon: 1232 Grant, 989-7666. Tony Perez & Second Hand Smoke, 4 p.m.: Curtis Lawson, 9:30 p.m.

EXPERIMENTAL

The Lab: 2948 16th St., 864-8855. DuChamp, Jackie-O Motherfucker, Freemountain Pulsewave, 9 p.m., \$7-\$10.

SUNDAY 21

ROCK

Bottom of the Hill: 1233 17th St., 621-4455, Beggars' Jamboree, Serene Lakes, Gene Pool & The Shallow End, Telepathic Slip, 3 p.m., \$10. Hemlock Tavern: 1131 Polk, 923-0923. Legs, Chastity Belt, Cash for Gold, 6 p.m., \$6.

The Independent: 628 Divisadero, 771-1420. Zakk Wylde, performing acoustic and reading from his book, Bringing Metal to the Children, 8 p.m., \$35.

Thee Parkside: 1600 17th St., 252-1330. The Chop Tops, The RevTones, Mad Mama & The Bona Fide Few, 8 p.m., \$12.

DANCE

1015 Folsom: 1015 Folsom St., 431-1200. "Connexus," w/ music by ChrisB., Dubvirus, Mihkal, Mashimon, Jocelyn, Nonagon, 8 p.m., \$15. Elbo Room: 647 Valencia, 552-7788. "Dub Mission," w/ Adam Twelve, DJ Sep, Vinnie Esparza, 9 p.m., \$6 (free before 9:30 p.m.). Endup: 401 Sixth St., 646-0999. "Soul Affair: Special Tag Team

Edition." w/ Mario Dubbz vs. Roger Moorehouse. Brian Salazar vs. Brian Cabalic, Fredinho vs. Glade Luco, Frankie Jr. vs. Carlos Tino. Joey Alaniz vs. Jamie Swing, J Funk vs. Geo. 8 p.m.

Holy Cow: 1535 Folsom, 621-6087. "Honey Sundays," w/ Honey Soundsystem & guests, 9 p.m., \$5.

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Savages

WITH NO BRA. 8 P.M. THURSDAY, **APRIL 18, AT THE INDEPENDENT. \$15;** WWW.THEINDEPENDENTSF.COM.

Savages' sudden blast upward proves that you should never underestimate the value of mystique. The London postpunk outfit has only been active since October 2011, but it's already amassed a substantial following among music journalists based on the electricity of its live shows. In early 2012, U.K. writers dished one grandiose compliment after another to the band, and as the group has begun making waves stateside, the wild flattery and excitement have crossed the Atlantic, too. Truthfully, there are a lot of good things about the foursome's output the frantic and unpredictable vocals, the panther-bodied guitars, the noise rock undercurrents, the sense that greater chaos is looming — but perhaps the most fascinating aspect of Savages is how the group's aloofness has made it so captivating. After Silence Yourself, its debut record, arrives via Matador in May, it'll be intriguing to see how that reputation mutates, REYAN ALI

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ACOUSTIC

Bazaar Cafe: 5927 California, 831-5620, Samuel Roland, 6 p.m. DNA Lounge: 375 11th St., 626-1409, "Black Rock Cantina: A Wretched Hive of Scum and Villainy," w/ Ghost Town Gospel, Jerk Church Tabernacle Choir, The Basements, plus DJs Ice Truck Killer, Grumples, Tyme, and Nathan Scot, 8 p.m., \$8-\$10.

Plough & Stars: 116 Clement, 751-1122. Seisiún with Jack Gilder, Darcy Noonan, and Richard Mandel, 9 p.m.

JAZZ

Cafe Du Nord: 2170 Market, 861-5016. Lee Presson & The Nails, Hubba Hubba Revue, 9 p.m., \$15.

Jazz Bistro At Les Joulins: 44 Ellis, 397-5397. Bill "Doc" Webster & Jazz Nostalgia, 7:30 p.m., free.

The Riptide: 3639 Taraval, 759-7263. The Cottontails, Third Sunday of every month, 7 p.m., free.

The Royal Cuckoo: 3202 Mission, 550-8667, Lavay Smith & Chris Siebert, 7:30 p.m., free.

Zingari: 501 Post, 885-8850, Mark Robinson, 7:30 p.m., free.

INTERNATIONAL

Bissap Baobab: 3372 19th St., 826-9287. "Brazil & Beyond," 6:30 p.m., free.

Cafe Cocomo: 650 Indiana, 824-6910. Salseros Allstars, 4 p.m., \$12. Union Square Park: 333 Post, 831-2700. Sila, 2 p.m., free.

REGGAE

Mezzanine: 444 Jessie, 625-8880. Katchafire, Maoli, DJ Jah Yzer, benefit for Surf for Life, 9 p.m., \$35-\$75.

Temple: 540 Howard, 978-9942. Brazilian Reggae Fest: A Tribute to Bob Marley, w/ Tribo de Jah, Reggae Motion, Pato Banton, MC P-Shot. 5 p.m., \$25-\$40.

BLUES

Revolution Cafe: 3248 22nd St., 642-0474. HowellDevine, 8:30 p.m., free/donation.

The Saloon: 1232 Grant, 989-7666, Blues Power, 4 p.m.: Silvia C. 9:30 p.m.

Yoshi's Jazz Club & Japanese Restaurant: 1330 Fillmore, 655-5600. Glide Foundation Benefit with Leah Tysse, 7 p.m., \$20-\$25.

COUNTRY

Tupelo: 1337 Green St., 981-9177. "Twang Sunday," w/ Sweet Felony, Middle Child, 4 p.m., free.

EXPERIMENTAL

The Lab: 2948 16th St., 864-8855. "Godwaffle Noise Pancakes," w/ Dinosaurs with Horns, Scott Arford, Dyemark, LeSiege, Coagulator. noon. \$5-\$10.

Musicians Union Local 6: 116 Ninth St., 575-0777. The Deconstruction Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., \$8-\$10.

MONDAY 22

ROCK

Bottom of the Hill: 1233 17th St., 621-4455, Tennis System, Cruel Summer, Dead Leaf Echo, Slowness, DJ Jamie Jams, 9 p.m., \$10. Elbo Room: 647 Valencia, 552-7788. Cannons & Clouds, Bad Powers, Owl. 9 p.m., \$7.

The Knockout: 3223 Mission, 550-6994. Buzzmutt, Spaceships, The Impersonations, DJ Neil Martinson, 9 p.m., \$8.

Rickshaw Stop: 155 Fell, 861-2011. The Men, CCR Headcleaner, White Cloud, 8 p.m., \$12.

DANCE

DNA Lounge: 375 11th St., 626-1409. "Death Guild," w/ DJs Decay, Joe Radio, Melting Girl, & guests, 9:30 p.m., \$3-\$5.

Underground SF: 424 Haight, 864-7386. "Vienetta Discotheque," w/ DJs Stanley Frank and Robert Jeffrey, 10 p.m., free, 864-7386.

Brick & Mortar Music Hall: 1710 Mission. Blu, TiRon & Ayomari, Nemo Achida, Sayknowledge, D.Is Prince Aries & King Most, 9 n.m., \$12-\$15.

ACOUSTIC

Amnesia: 853 Valencia, 970-0012, The Earl Brothers, Fourth Monday

of every month, 9 p.m., free.

Hotel Utah: 500 Fourth St., 546-6300. Open mic with Brendan Getzell. 8 p.m., free.

The Rite Spot Cafe: 2099 Folsom, 552-6066. Layla Musselwhite, 8:30 p.m.

JAZZ

Le Colonial: 20 Cosmo, 931-3600, Le Jazz Hot, 7 p.m., free.

The Union Room at Biscuits and Blues: 401 Mason. 931-6012. "The Session: A Monday Night Jazz Series," pro jazz jam with Mike Olmos, 7:30 p.m., \$12.

Zingari: 501 Post, 885-8850. Sherri Roberts, 7:30 p.m., free.

SOUL

Madrone Art Bar: 500 Divisadero, 241-0202. "M.O.M. (Motown on Mondays)," w/ DJ Gordo Cabeza & Timoteo Gigante, 8 p.m., free.

TUESDAY 23

ROCK

Bottom of the Hill: 1233 17th St., 621-4455. Senses Fail, Such Gold, Real Friends, Major League, 7:30 p.m., \$16-\$19.

Elbo Room: 647 Valencia, 552-7788. The Arabs, Father President, The Secret Secretaries, 9 n.m., \$5.

Hemlock Tayern: 1131 Polk. 923-0923. Acid Blast. Golden Mean. Mulch. Bar Fight, 8:30 p.m., \$7.

The Independent: 628 Divisadero, 771-1420. Palma Violets, Guards, 8 p.m., \$15. The Knockout: 3223 Mission, 550-6994. Pang, Andy Human, Meer-

caz, plus DJs Danielle, Candace, Elyse, and Alexa, 9:30 p.m., \$5. Slim's: 333 11th St., 255-0333. Beach Fossils, Surf Club, Black Jeans, 8 p.m., \$15.

DANCE

Aunt Charlie's Lounge: 133 Turk, 441-2922. "High Fantasy," w/DJ Viv, Myles Cooper, & guests, 10 p.m., \$2.

Q Bar: 456 Castro, 864-2877, "Switch," w/ DJs Jenna Riot & Andre. 9 p.m., \$3.

Underground SF: 424 Haight, 864-7386. "Shelter," w/ Kaela, 4Star, Adept, Shadow Spirit, NoFace, 10 p.m., free.

Double Dutch: 3192 16th St., 503-1670, "Takin' It Back Tuesdays," w/ DJs Mr. Murdock and Roman Nunez, Fourth Tuesday of every month, 10 p.m., free.

Skylark Bar: 3089 16th St., 621-9294. "True Skool Tuesdays." w/DJ Ren the Vinvl Archaeologist, 10 p.m., free,

ACOUSTIC

Bazaar Cafe: 5927 California, 831-5620. Songwriter in Residence:

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Mic Night, 7:30 p.m., \$5. Cafe Royale: 800 Post, 441-4099. Stella Royale, 8 p.m.

Plough & Stars: 116 Clement, 751-1122. Dave Cory, 9 p.m.

The Rite Spot Cafe: 2099 Folsom, 552-6066. Odes, 8:30 p.m., free.

JAZZ

Burritt Room: 417 Stockton St., 400-0555. Terry Disley's "Mini-Experience," 6 p.m., free,

Jazz Bistro At Les Joulins: 44 Ellis, 397-5397. M.B. Hanif & the Sound Voyagers, 7:30 p.m., free. Sheba Piano Lounge: 1419 Fillmore, 440-7414, Michael Parsons.

8 n.m. Verdi Club: 2424 Mariposa, 861-5048, "Tuesday Night Jump," w/

Stompy Jones, 9 p.m., \$10-\$12. Yoshi's Jazz Club & Japanese Restaurant: 1330 Fillmore, 655-5600

René Marie Quartet, 8 p.m., \$20 INTERNATIONAL

Bissap Baobab: 3372 19th St., 826-9287. Zouk Lambada Social, 9:30 p.m., \$5.

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REGGAE

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Dick Holes

BY DAN SAVAGE

I am uncircumcised, and the opening at the end of my foreskin is not large enough for the head of my penis to pass through. This means my foreskin doesn't pull back when I get an erection. The internet says this is a condition called "phimosis," and a lot of medical websites recommend circumcision. I'm not super-excited by that idea. I don't have any pain or difficulty with sex or urination, and I've never had any health problems related to being uncircumcised. The foreskin isn't stuck or fused to the glans—the hole is just small. Is there a safe, nonsurgical way to enlarge the opening in the foreskin?

"Tell Dick Hole Panic not to panic," said Stephen H. King, MD, a urologist in Washington State and my new go-to guy for all questions dick. "Phimosis occurs in an uncircumcised penis when a circular ring of the foreskin becomes scarred, often from prior infection, inflammation, or trauma. This scar prevents the normally elastic tissue of the foreskin from fully retracting to expose the head of the penis."

Roughly one in a hundred men have phimosis, said Dr. King, "and depending on the degree of narrowing, complications of phimosis can vary widely. These can include difficulty with cleaning/hygiene, infection, pain with erection, bleeding from skin cracking, and paraphimosis." Paraphimosis sounds like something you want to avoid: "It occurs when a narrow foreskin is pulled back to expose the head of the penis but then can't be pulled back over the head, which then constricts blood flow to the glans," said Dr. King. Paraphimosis can cut off blood flow to the head of the penis, which can cause the head of your cock to become gangrenous and die, which is why anyone suffering from it should head to an emergency room immediately. Here's something else to worry about: "Although extremely rare, penile cancer can arise, usually in older patients with recurrent infections/inflammation."

You're probably panicking now, DHP—hell, hearing about paraphimosis has me panicking, and I'm circumcised. But the doctor said your case doesn't sound serious: You aren't experiencing any pain, your dick seems to work fine, you haven't suffered from a series of infections. You don't need to do anything about your phimosis for now, said Dr. King, but if you're worried about complications arising in the future, or if you want your sex partners to see the head of your dick someday, there are nonsurgical remedies.

"Preputial gymnastics' is one way to resolve phimosis," said Dr. King. "It sounds like an Olympic event, but it involves gently pulling the foreskin back to expose the tip of the glans to the point where the ring of scar is exposed." In other words, pull your foreskin back until you can't pull it back anymore, and you'll be looking at the scar tissue. "Hold this position for one minute and repeat three to

combination with topical application of a steroid cream twice daily, typically betamethasone 0.05 percent (needs a prescription), more than 90 percent of cases will dramatically improve or resolve within four to six weeks."

four times a day," Dr. King continued. "In

And if you're one of the 10 percent of phimosis sufferers whose case doesn't improve through preputial gymnastics?

"Then he should break out the Manischewitz for his impending bris," said Dr. King.

I am in a great relationship with a very sexy and open-minded woman. Recently we were talking about likes and dislikes, and she mentioned "role-play scenes." This sent me into a little bit of a panic since this is something I've never engaged in. However, since I am more on the dominant side in our relationship, I'd rather not ask her a lot of questions. I'm hoping to take the lead and find out something about it on my own. I want to seem imaginative to her and not just copy what other men have done. Unfortunately, my web searches have been fruitless. Cosmo, Glamour, and even men's sites have articles about "role-play" from time to time, but they seem to be written for juveniles. Do you have any ideas about role-play scenarios—especially ones that could be initiated by a man? APPREHENSIVE ABOUT ROLE PLAY

I have plenty of ideas about role-play scenarios that could be initiated by a man, AARP, but sexual pleasure is highly subjective—one gay man's hot role-play scenario is likely someone else's nightmare scenario. So you're going to have to talk with your woman about what kinds of scenarios turn her on.

Some people have a hard time talking about their kinks. Just saying the words "I'm into role-play" or "I want to try bondage" is such a struggle that a nervous kinkster is emotionally exhausted after the big reveal. The kinkster feels like she's done the hard partshe said "role-play" or "bondage" out loud!and her partner should do the rest of the work, i.e., make their fantasies come true without asking them to talk about it anymore. But you can't fly blind into someone else's sexual fantasies. If she's turned on by something mild like a sexy-cop-and-speeding-driver role-play scenario, AARP, surprising her with a serial-killer-and-his-terrified-victim roleplay scenario is likely to backfire. Likewise, someone who's turned on by gentle necktiesand-bedposts bondage isn't going to be happy about an intense institutional-restraints-andsoundproof-leather-hood bondage session.

She's going to have to give you more information, AARP, and you're going to have to let go of the notion that being the Dom means not asking questions. A dominant's first job—before a role-play scene begins, before anyone gets tied up—is to ask questions and find out what his submissive wants to experience. The trick is to give her what she wants while building in small surprises and gradually, over time, pushing into new territories together.

But you're going to have to ask her more questions, and she's going to have to answer them. If she's too shy to talk about her kinks face-to-face, have the convo over e-mail.

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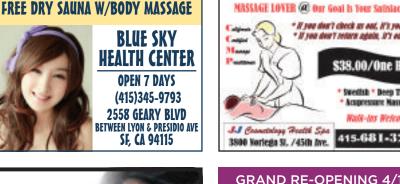
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